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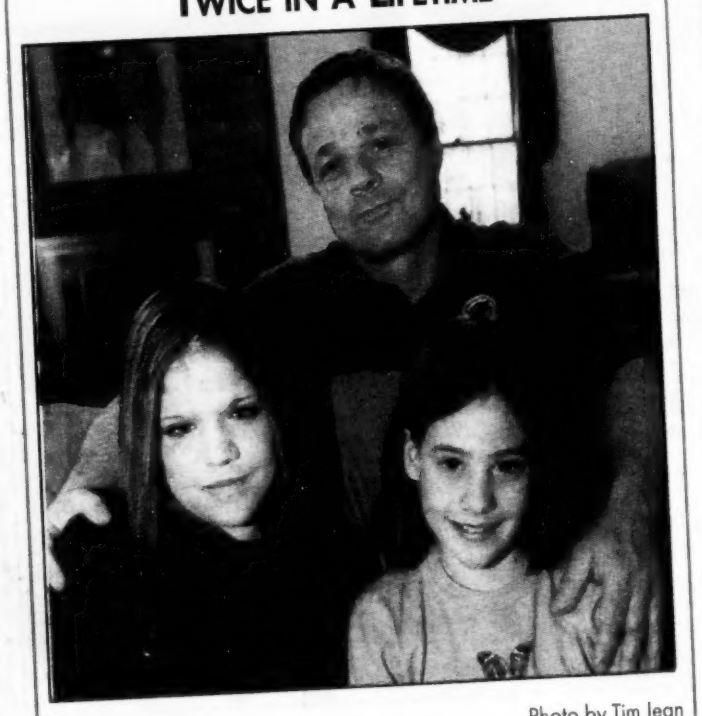

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Four years ago Lindsey Dias (left) had a double lung transplant, making medical history. Now her sister, Ashley, is in California, waiting to have the same operation, and hoping to make history again. The family, including dad Bruce and younger sister MacKenzie (above) will soon join Ashley and mom Marylynne in California. Page 8.

Fewer than 2,000 pick who will lead town

Hender, Hess voted selectmen

By Rebecca Piro

Tuesday's election ushered in a fresh perspective to the Board of Selectmen, in the form of newcomer Ray Hender, and welcomed back experienced incumbent John Hess.

With only 80 votes separating them, Hender pulled in the most support, with Hess right behind him.

The winners fill the two open slots on the board, shutting out former School Committee member Tim McCarron, who collected 418 fewer votes than first-place winner Hender.

Hess, who began his second full term Wednesday night, will pick up his selectman duties right where he left off. His campaign treasurer, Neil Gordon of Belknap Drive, called Hess from the polls at Andover High School as soon as the unofficial numbers were tallied. "Don't make any plans for Monday night," Gordon told Hess.

Unofficially, Hess collected 1,216 votes, Hender garnered 1,296, and McCarron received 878.

Hender was grateful for the win and happy the campaign was over, after a long day of standing outside, waving to voters.

"I'm tired," said a wind- and sunburned Hender. "We were out there for 13 hours."

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Photo by Tim Jean

Called to lead — John Hess (left) accepts congratulations, while Ray Hender and wife Diane express relief on Tuesday.

Waterlogged area assess storm damage

Town waits on federal assistance

By Rebecca Piro

The storm that left many residents up to their knees in water also could leave taxpayers drowning in damage costs.

While the numbers are not yet totaled, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski expects the final cost to hit somewhere in the tens of thousands of dollars. The town has a $200,000 reserve fund set aside for public-emergency situations, but officials are hoping that the federal and state governments will pick up the tab. Friday afternoon the governor declared Essex County was in a state of emergency, as the combination of melting snow and pounding rain transformed roads and backyards from solid ground to impassable waterways.

But the true realization of damages incurred by the storm came early this week, when the floodwaters crept back to reveal washed out roads, potholes that resembled swimming pools, and messy yards and basements.

Officials are still waiting to hear from the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) on whether President Bush will declare Essex County a disaster area. If so, Andover will line up with other hard-hit communities to receive federal and state aid for their troubles.

"We had a number of areas that flooded that don't normally flood," says Lt. Jim Hashem, comparing last week's scenario to the flooding in October of 1996.

Rushing water eroded six feet of roadway on High Street, and Woburn Street was also damaged. The ground near the train tracks by Central Street's Horn Bridge washed away after a tree fell and pulled down part of the tracks' foundation with it. Train service was not interrupted, as workers scrambled to stop the erosion.

Police closed several roads, including North and South Main Streets, Riverina Road, Woburn, High, Osgood, River and Elm streets and Rat-

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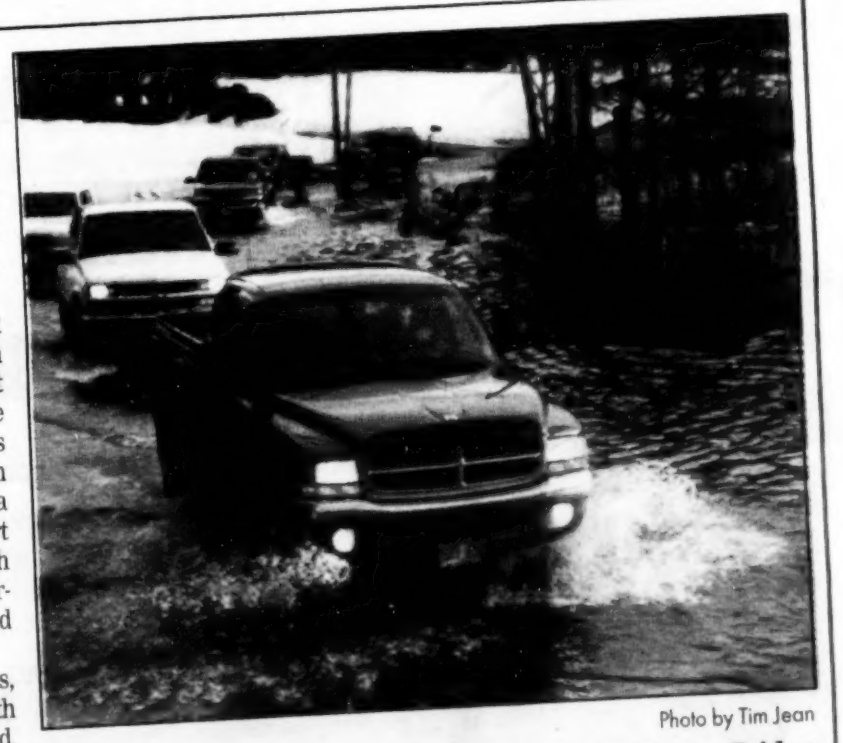

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Riders on the storm — Drivers leaving work on Friday found River Street in Ballardvale living up to its name.

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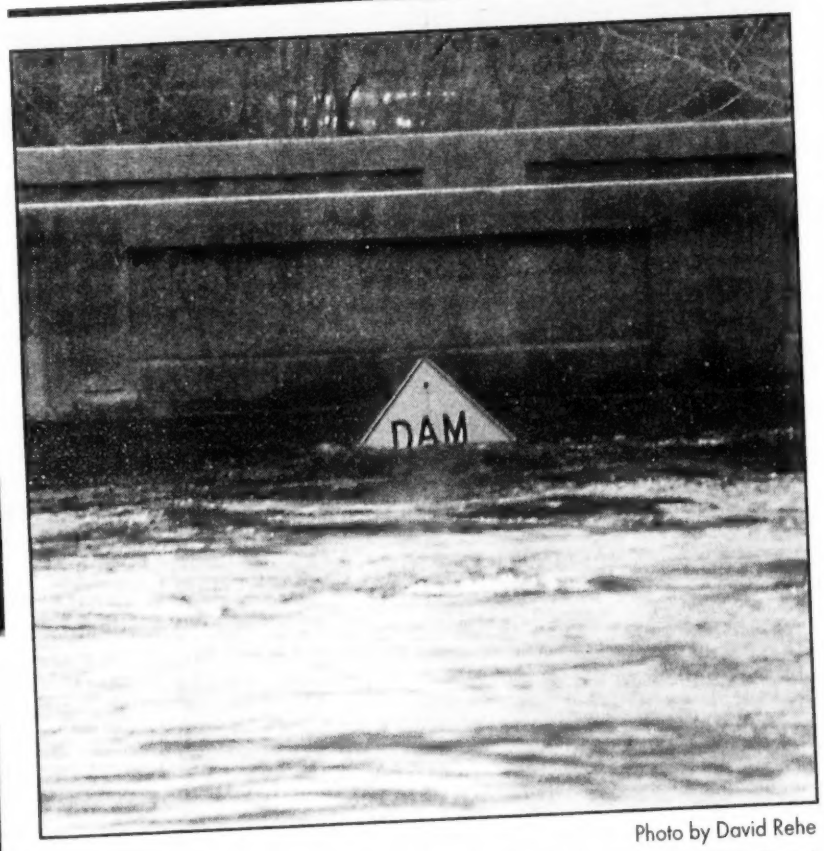

Photo by David Rehe

It wasn't easy — Residents had a few choice words for the flood of water that covered areas all over town, including basements.

First Lady hosts ceremony honoring teen

Laura meets Laura, in DC

The accolades continue to pile up for Andover teen Laura Goldstein, whose "cancer kits for kids" have been recognized around the state.

This time, Goldstein goes national and it's straight to the top. She is the top winner of *Seventeen/* Cover Girl's volunteer awards. She will accept the award from First Lady Laura Bush at a ceremony next week. Plus, she gets a $10,000 scholarship for her project which helps kids cope when a parent is diagnosed with cancer.

The 16-year-old Andover High junior launched her "C.C. Kid Kits" (coping with cancer kid kits) project when she was 9 and her mother, Janice Goldstein, was diagnosed with breast cancer.

Feeling sad, alone, and scared that her mother would die, Goldstein would have given anything to be able to talk about her mom's disease with another kid going through the same ordeal. That's when she came up with the kit idea.

Her brightly-colored kits contain books, journals, stickers, candy, and pamphlets from the American Cancer Society (ACS). A $3,000 grant from Brigham's Ice Cream was used to launch the kits, while ACS awarded her another grant to keep the project going. Holy Family Hospital in Methuen is among the hospitals that give the kits to kids.

On Wednesday, April 4, Laura and her mom, who has been in remission for the past seven years, will go to the awards ceremony in Washington, D.C.

In addition to the scholarship, event organizers will donate $10,000 to a charity chosen by Laura. Laura is one of six young women receiving a volunteer award at the event.

Three and out: Goodbye to Becker

All that was missing from Monday night's selectmen's meeting was the champagne.

The board took a five-minute break from the typical agenda to honor Selectman Lori Becker during her last meeting. Becker, who completed her single three-year term Monday night, announced in January that she would not run again.

"I thought I wouldn't be emotional," sniffed Becker, who stood to hug her fellow selectmen one by one as they applauded her.

"You've given three outstanding years of service to the community of Andover, and we will absolutely miss you," said Selectmen Chairman Brian Major.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczyn-

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News In Brief

A break from the IRS

With April 15 falling on a Sunday this year, and the following day a holiday (April 16 is Patriot's Day), taxpayers have an extra two days to file taxes this year.

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is giving taxpayers who file at its Andover center until April 17 to file or pay taxes timely, including federal tax payments they may send to Pittsburgh.

The tax law provides that when the April 15 deadline falls on a weekend, taxpayers who file by the next business day that is not a holiday are considered on time. For most of the country, that will be Monday, April 16.

However, in Massachusetts, the third Monday in April is Patriots' Day, a legal holiday. Therefore, taxpayers who filed at the Andover IRS Center will one extra day, until April 17, to timely file their returns.

Corrections

Two photos that accompanied the March 22 Arts story were incorrectly identified. These pictures showed the Summer Ensemble's production of *Once on This Island,* which was offered through community services three summers ago, not the Andover High School production of the same show, which ran last fall.

In addition, due to a reporting error, a comment by Susan Sepich was taken out of context. Sepich spoke about the struggle for arts in the world at large, rather than in Andover specifically, as indicated in the article.

Selectmen switch stance on First Amendment issue

Selectmen have decided to attack resident Dennis Teves' private warrant article head-on, by amending it at Town Meeting. The decision is a marked change from the hands-off approach they previously supported.

Last week, the board voted to take no position on Article 29, a private article that asks "to see if the town will vote to empower the selectmen to deny the First Amendment rights of Andover citizens to petition, by refusing to accept or insert private articles before they sign the warrant."

TOWN MEETING ARTICLE 29

Currently, selectmen close the Town Meeting warrant in mid-January, but do not actually sign it until the end of February. Teves says this is a violation of citizens' First Amendment rights to petition the government.

According to Teves, the article will endorse the selectmen's practice of refusing warrant articles, if approved. If rejected, residents will forbid officials to continue with the current practice.

Town Counsel Tom Urbelis suggested to Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski that selectmen try to present the article on a positive note, by amending it on the Town Meeting floor to allow residents to vote approval of the current practice.

The amendment will authorize selectmen to continue inserting articles into the warrant just as they already do, a process that Urbelis says is in compliance with Massachusetts General Law. The proposed statement completely avoids the issue of rejecting articles.

— Rebecca Piro

Rabies shot, Saturday

A rabies clinic for dogs and cats is set for Saturday, April 7 at West Middle School on Shawsheen Road from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Andover Animal Hospital personnel will provide the vaccinations for $10. Animals should be leashed or restrained.

State law requires all dogs and cats to be vaccinated against rabies by six months of age. They must be three months old to get the rabies vaccine.

Web question

Last week's *Townsman* Web-site question was: Do you support using money that was going to be set aside to open the new schools, to pay for this year's requested school budget increase?

Of 27 respondents, 44 percent said, "No, the town budgets are too inflated already." Twenty-two percent said, "Yes, the additions the schools are seeking must be funded this way." Nineteen percent said, "No, because spending that money forces either an override or substantial cuts to open the new schools," and 15 percent said "The superintendent's budget should be funded, but not with the new schools' money."

This week's question is: **Should town officials consider putting the $500,000 it will receive next month for trash expenses towards the school budget?**

To vote, surf over to <www.andover-townsman.com>.

Quote, unquote . . .

"I think the trash touches every family in town in a more dramatic way than schools do. That's one service we provide universally. It goes to the homes of the 2-year-olds and the 92-year-olds."

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski, stating why the $500,000 Andover will receive from the state in April, in connection with its NESWC contract, will be put back into the NESWC account, rather than put towards schools in next year's budget. (Story, page 15.)

"I think there's probably a less-than-50-percent chance of pulling it off."

Superintendent Claudia Bach, on the prospects for having one section of all-day kindergarten at Shawsheen School this fall. (Story, p. 11)

"I thought I wouldn't be emotional."

Former Selectman Lori Becker at Monday night's selectmen meeting, her last. (Story page 2, 4.)

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Government Review Committee, Town Offices, second-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 30

Contributory Retirement Board, Town Offices, third-floor conference room, 8:30 a.m.

Selectmen, senior center sub-committee, third-floor conference room, 4 p.m.

Monday, April 2

Strategic Planning Task Force, Town Offices, second-floor, 7:30 a.m.

Selectmen, Town Offices, third-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m. *Televised.*

Tuesday, April 3

Greater Lawrence Technical School building expansion sub-committee, 57 River Road, 4 p.m.

School Building Committee, Town Offices, second-floor conference room, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, April 4

West Elementary School Council, 3:30 p.m.

Redistricting Task Force public hearing, Doherty Middle School auditorium, 7 p.m.

Main Street Committee, Town Offices, first-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

Ballardvale Historic District Commission, Town Offices, second-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

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ski presented Becker with a pink and yellow-frosted cake, and pulled out the plates and forks for an on-air meeting "intermission."

Selectman John Hess, who ran for a second full term, did not attend the meeting, because he was working late to prepare for the election the following day.

Becker plans to continue working at GTS Publishing in Boston and do more traveling in her free time. The outpouring of kindness from her fellow selectmen was overwhelming, she said.

"You just do these things because you do them," she added, referring to the responsibilities that come with being a selectman.

— Rebecca Piro

Over board – Lori Becker

Silver-tongued Leno finally gets jest reward

Even Jay Leno's spiritual side is comical.

Just ask lifelong Andover resident Eva Loosigian who, at 86, is still chuckling about one of Leno's Sunday School jokes he made in fifth grade.

Loosigian's friendship with Leno goes back more than 40 years. Her son, Wayne Loosigian, who now lives in Exeter, N.H., is good friends with Leno. They graduated together from Andover High in 1968.

Last February, Wayne took his mother to California and they went to *The Tonight Show* hosted by Leno. Eva Loosigian finally cashed in on one of Leno's Sunday School jokes, something she's wanted to do for years.

Her story goes like this:

"Wayne and Jay were in Sunday School together and their teacher would give silver dollars to students who could answer questions from the Bible. The teacher asked Wayne, 'who is Moses' wife?' and Jay said, 'Mrs. Moses.' The class rolled over laughing. And, the teacher gave Wayne a silver dollar, but it really belonged to Jay. I always wanted to give it to him," said Loosigian, whose family has run a farm from their Blanchard Street home for years.

She calls herself Leno's "adopted mother," and is quite proud of Leno's inscription on her copy of his book, *Leading with my Chin*. It reads: "To my new mother, with all my love."

"He wrote that after his mother died," she said.

She also gave him three pennies with the silver dollar, for the 40 years worth of interest on the coin. He did indeed take the 53 cents.

"He is still the same. He hasn't lost his touch with people," she said.

He also hasn't lost his touch for his zucchini zingers. Eva Loosigian has visited *The Tonight Show* a few times over the years and every time, Leno calls her down during his monologue and asks if she brought any zucchini.

"I don't know why he picks on my zucchini," she said.

— Judy Wakefield

Royalties — With interest, Eva Loosigian paid back Jay Leno for a joke he made 40 years ago.

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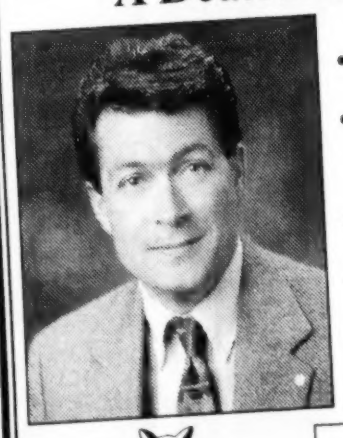

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Election: Hender and Hess take victory in low turnout

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All three candidates spent most of the day at the end of the Andover High School driveway, holding signs and looking for votes. Despite their effort, there was only one word to describe the polls all day and evening: empty.

"Is apathy strong enough?" asked poll warden Jerry LaBarre, working Precinct 8. "Why do only four percent of the people care who is voted in? These are the people we need to help us spend our tax dollars, and make important decisions for our kids."

By 3 p.m., only four percent of the active voters had made an appearance at the high school. That number slowly grew to just under 10 percent by the time the polls closed.

"There's not that many people running to begin with," said poll worker Doris Godin.

As the only contested race of the election, the selectmen candidates were the focus of most of the attention Tuesday, but School Committee member Dick Collins – named Tuesday to a second term – made an appearance at the school. School Committee Chairwoman Tina Girdwood, named for a third term, was unopposed; as was Andover Housing Authority member Ron Haij, incumbent since 1984; and Moderator Jim Doherty. This was the first election in several years that resident John Doyle did not challenge Doherty, who has held the position for 23 years.

"It's a little bit disappointing," said former fire chief Harold Wright who was working at the polls. "During the year people voice their concerns, but when their (voice) matters, they don't come (to vote)."

Hess has said all along that he listens to those concerns, and party-goers at his Chestnut Street home Tuesday night pointed to that quality as a reason for his victory. "I think people appreciate the four years of hard work he's put in," said his wife, Kathy Hess.

Resident Hillary Nadworny, 10, stayed up past her bedtime to ring in the celebration with her neighbors. The only person in the house under voting age, she was just as pleased as the next person that Hess won. "He's nice," she said.

With only three weeks before Town Meeting, Hess will resume his budget discussions with the selectmen and other town officials. That means more work with the Strategic Planning Task Force – a planning board that Hess takes credit for starting – and on the budget before Town Meeting.

Though he was relaxing Tuesday night after a long day, Hender admitted he is slightly nervous about jumping into town government only weeks before Town Meeting. He plans to work hard to familiarize himself with all aspects of the issues facing the board before Town Meeting.

"Now is the getting-up-to-speed time," he said. "There's a lot to be done." One of his priorities, especially in light of the budget selectmen have yet to vote on, is providing adequate funding for schools, he added.

McCarron, who congratulated both winners before the results of all eight precincts were posted Tuesday night, wished Hender and Hess luck in the coming years.

"Tim would have done a good job," said Selectmen Chairman Brian Major, who celebrated after the election at both Hess' and Hender's homes. "It's fantastic that John's coming back, and Ray's going to do a super job. It's bittersweet in that there's only one person not elected."

School Committee member Gerry Gustus agreed that all three of the candidates would have made good choices. "I though the town couldn't lose," he said.

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Meehen undecided but other democrats getting jump on '02

By Adam Groff

State Sen. Cheryl Jacques, the only officially declared Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor in 2002, recently addressed the Town Democratic Committee, which has elected 16 delegates and five alternates to the 2001 State Democratic Convention.

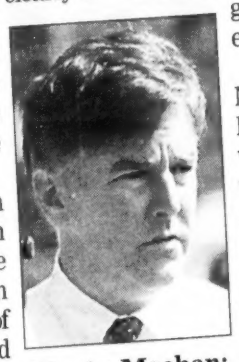
The party nominee for the post will be chosen in the Democratic primary election in September 2002, separately from the gubernatorial candidate. The two winners will then become running mates in the November 2002 general election.

"I just feel that the lieutenant governor position can be so much more than a ceremonial post," said Jacques. "We need an all-hands-on-deck mentality (in state government)."

She spoke to the Town Democratic Committee on Thursday, March 9, about her experience as chair of the Senate Post Audit and Oversight Committee, which she said was a "little-known committee" that she turned into "a dynamic, hands-on committee."

"She was very impressive," said Andover Democratic Committee Treasurer Michael Frishman. "She's clearly a vigorous participant in the legislature. She's been vigorous in making sure that state agencies do what they're supposed to be doing with the money they're allocated."

Jacques said her work on the committee has resulted in regulations governing home inspectors and legislation improving the management of arrest warrants. She also touted her championing of the state's 1998 gun control legislation, which she called the "toughest in the country."



Marty Meehan: Gubernatorial run?

The only officially declared candidates for governor thus far are former Democratic National Committee chair Steve Grossman and former State Sen. Warren Tolman, though others, including Senate President Tom Birmingham have been campaigning for months. The declaration of Joe Kennedy that he will not run is expected by political watchdogs to encourage others, including US Congressman Marty Meehan to enter the fray.

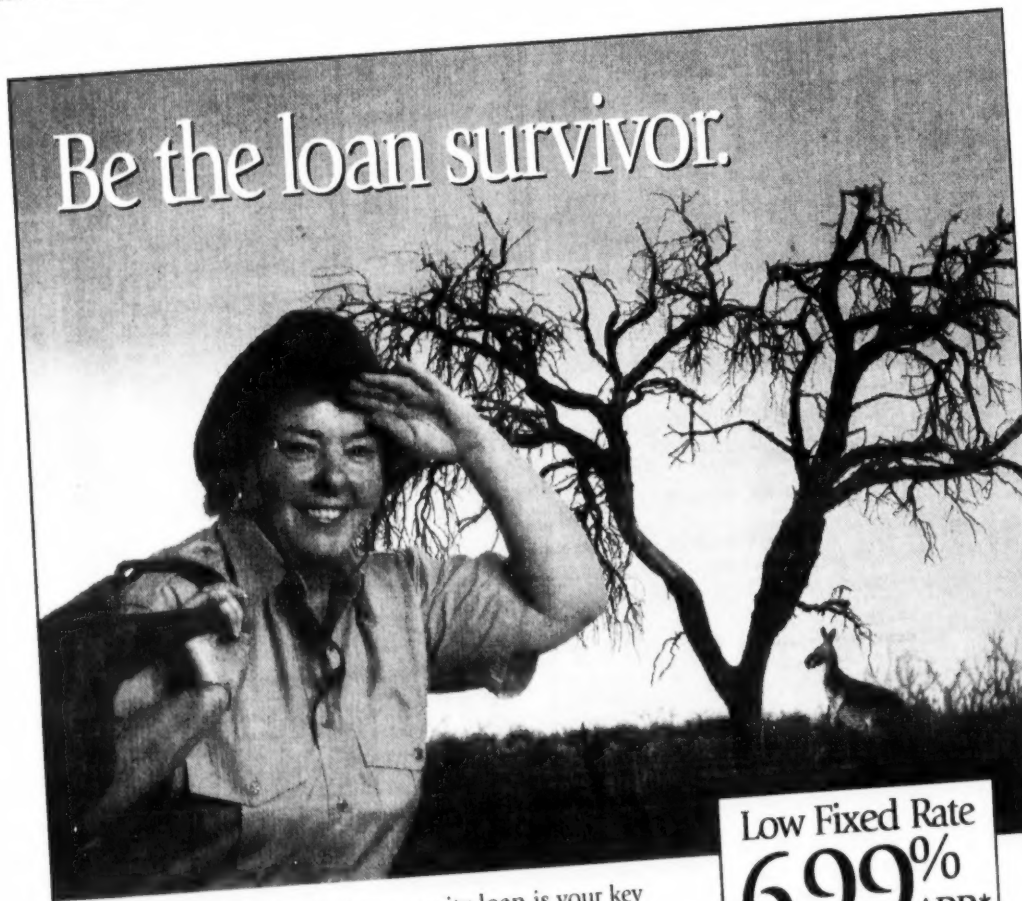
"He's still undecided," said Meehan's Chief of Staff Bill McCann in Washington last week. "He's going to be talking to people around the state about issues that are important to them, and he'll make a decision based upon how he can be of most service to the people of Massachusetts, either by staying in the House or running for governor." McCann also cited family considerations and the outcome of the clean elections bill in the state legislature as factors Meehan will be weighing in his decision.

The State Democratic Convention this year will be an "issues convention" held on Saturday, June 2 in Springfield. The party's nominating convention will be held next year.

Andover convention delegates elected on March 9 were Alison Atwood, Mary Jane Bausemer, Karen Grasso Courtney, Mark Courtney, Michael Frishman, John Hess, Mary Kelvie Lyman, Peter McCarthy, Lawrence Morse, Francis You, Margaret O'Connor, Anthony Stankiewicz, Mary Rinehart-Stankiewicz, Dorothy Winn, Gerald Wright, and Pamela Wright. Alternates are Mark Bartner, Donald Miller, Gale Ross-Riordan, Frank Serna, and Nancy O'Connor Stolberg.

According to Frishman, up to five additional registered Andover Democrats may be named to attend the convention as "youth delegates," "affirmative action delegates," or "disabled delegates." Interested residents should call committee chairwoman Norma Villarreal, 475-4485.

Bucky Dalton of the Town Republican Committee said that the State Republican Convention will have only one meeting, in 2002, and so he does not expect the town Republican caucus to take place until around February of next year.



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Turn out, not off

At a time when the town is considering asking for a debt-exclusion vote to pay for any significant capital project, fewer than 2,000 people turned out to the polls on Tuesday to elect two members to the Board of Selectmen, the board that should run the town.

When Town Meeting rolls around, a greater number of those who care about the direction in which Andover is headed must take part.

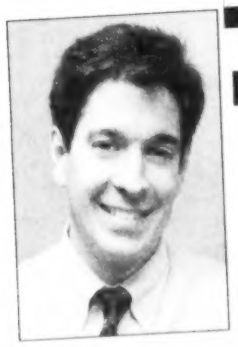
There's a common belief that many Town Meeting votes are nearly a given because "special interests" pack the hall. But the last time Andover tried an override for its operating budget, about 8,000 people showed up at the polls. If a fraction of those people attended any Town Meeting, residents could approve – or disapprove – anything that they desired.

Andover's Town Meeting is the purest form of democracy around. The only thing that can truly prevent residents from getting what they want is apathy.

Photo by Tim Jean

Paper, plastic or sackcloth? — Market Basket had to close, and sandbags were stacked as a precaution, as the Shawsheen River's water came to the doorsteps of stores in Shawsheen Plaza last week.

A family's journey: Making history while giving her a future



Neil Fater

The Dias family made medical history four years ago and saved the life of their oldest daughter, Lindsey. Now, they hope to repeat the past.

Today, their middle daughter Ashley, a freshman at Andover High, sits in a California hospital, struggling with the effects of cystic fibrosis. She's waiting to have a double-lung transplant, what doctors call a living lobar transplant.

Fortunately, she has three people willing to be donors: her aunts, Debbie Murray of Andover, Gail Conway of Andover and Karen Peterson of Atlanta, Ga. Two of them will each give about half of one of their lungs to Ashley, to help her breathe.

Ashley's parents would have done it, but the doctors won't let them. You see, they've already gone through the procedure themselves. Bruce and Marylynne Dias each gave part of their lungs to Ashley's older sister, Lindsey, four years ago so that she could breathe. Actually, so that she could live. "With her, we were days from her death. Her kidneys were failing," says Bruce.

That was when the Dias family first made history. It seems that two parents had never donated lung tissue to their child before. But the Diases did, and the operation worked.

Since Lindsey's operation, however, precious few people have followed in her steps.

Fifteen people have had a living lobar transplant at the same St. Louis hospital that Lindsey walked out of one week after surgery. Thirteen have died. The hospital has stopped performing the operation until it can figure out what's wrong. Ashley, however, couldn't wait for that, and checked into the Children's Hospital at the University of Southern California to have her operation performed by the man who invented it.

The wait for this operation is harder, says Bruce.

"The first time insurance was balking about paying and I was busy fundraising. I didn't have time to think about it until the week before the surgery," he says. "This time I've had months to think about it. They (doctors) have also had more problems. It can be – more often than not – not successful."

Ashley and her mom went out to St. Louis in January and have been in California for about a month. The strain can be tough on a family. Mom can't be around to help the youngest daughter, MacKenzie, with her South School homework, or to help Lindsey pick out a dress for the prom.

But each of the family members seems to take it in stride. Andover friends help out by cooking meals. The girls talk to their sister about things like the Academy Awards by using cell phones or instant messaging. The first phone bill ran about $2,000.

Like her sister, Ashley Dias is having an operation because of cystic fibrosis.

I ask Bruce if he ever feels angry.

"Not so much angry. I get heartbroken to see a 15-year-old girl tethered to an oxygen tank," he says. "When you have kids you want them to have a better life, and when you have that (advanced health problems), you have no quality of life.

"We know she's in the best place, and we're lucky we have these family members," he says of the aunts donating lung tissue.

He says that when he donated lung tissue it was "selfish," – "I'd do anything for my own daughter" – but he's awed by his sisters-in-law's gifts.

Their gifts mean that, if all goes well, the Dias family will make history again. It will mean that Lindsey and Ashley will go into the medical journals as the first sisters to have this successful surgery.

More importantly, it will mean Ashley will someday pick out a prom dress herself.

Neil Fater is editor of the Andover Townsman. *You can reach him online at <nfater@andovertownsman.com>.*

Letters

Now's the chance to flush sewer project

Editor, *Townsman:*

In regard to Andover's planned $30 million sewer expansion project, the news that the state is mandating additional improvements at additional cost is a rare second chance to have the taxpayers reject the whole boondoggle. Recall that it was foisted upon the voters well before the further, and unavoidable, expensive projects such as a new school and a new safety center were announced. In light of the massive increase in taxes recently committed to these projects, an opportunity to vote down the sewer project would be a Godsend.

To put it another way: how many youth centers, senior centers, teachers' positions, and downtown beautification projects would the $30 million buy instead – without us getting chiseled with continual overrides?

Paul M. Lapsa
Wild Rose Drive

Andover High arts specialist: There is a fertile arts community here

Editor, *Townsman:*

In the article written by Judy Wakefield, ("Swapping scripts and footballs," *Townsman*, March 22, page 19) I was dreadfully misquoted as saying that "there in not a fertile arts community here (in Andover)." I certainly do not consider that to be the case at all. I work closely with many arts colleagues here in Andover including Josie Walker-Halsted, the director of Merrimack Jr. Theatre and Confetti Kids.

Both of these groups are high quality feeder programs from which spring many a talented high school student.

Julie Scolnik and the Andover Chamber Music Series is an organization that brings an exceedingly superior repertoire of artists and musical programming to this community. In fact, this month of March is a perfect example of the "fertility" of the arts in Andover. In addition to both the drama festival performance of *The Murders at Argos* and the full performance last weekend, patrons of the arts here in our community have had their choice of the following: MJT's production of *The Boyfriend* (delightful), South's *The Music Man* and "The Arts of March," sponsored by the fine arts department of the Andover Public Schools on March 24. That doesn't include the many concert offerings and visual art displays both community wide and on the campus of Phillips Academy. If I was in any way misunderstood by Ms. Wakefield then I certainly apologize. To be sure, the arts have always had to strive to make their presence known in every community; but have no fear, the arts are alive and well here in Andover.

File photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Cast members from last year's Andover High production of *Once on This Island*, directed by Susan Sepich.

Susan A. Sepich
Drama and music specialist
Andover Public Schools

Redistricting: Leave the options on the table

Editor, *Townsman:*

During the Redistricting Task Force meeting held March 12, Gerald Gustus repeatedly attempted to redirect the concerns of anxious parents by reminding them that the task force only creates options and does not vote on them. He also stated that it was too late to change any of the plans at this point, that it would be "a little disrespectful to the people who are going to get perfect attendance badges for showing up at these meetings."

However, he went on to say that the task force will probably eliminate elementary school options 1 and 2 from the wider public forum of April 4.

These plans were the product of weeks of productive debate among task force members, and their elimination from consideration would in effect be a vote by the task force against these two options and very disrespectful to the dozens of parents who have filled the audience of this task force's meetings every week. The task force should not eliminate any plan this late in the process. All of these options should see the light of public scrutiny and vigorous debate. Let the public see all five plans and let our elected representatives decide which options should be discarded.

Victor Morris
35 Washington Ave.

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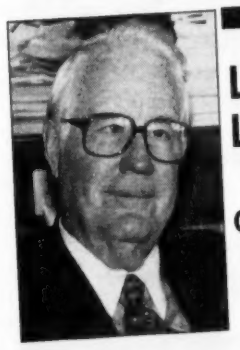

Larry Larsen

Guest columnist

As a town we are at a crossroads. It has to do with the schools and one simple question: Is adequate good enough or do we want the best?

Andover has enjoyed a positive reputation for its schools. In some ways that has been deserved. In others we have passed for excellent when the product was not up to the hype.

The School Committee has an impressive moment to offer compelling leadership. As a group, the School Committee did an outstanding job in carefully explaining the need for new school space and leading the town toward an affirmation for action. Now let us call upon them to do the same thing for us in the next year as we deal with a problem and its attendant opportunity.

First, the committee has an opportunity to allow all of us to describe what "excellent" means. If we wish for excellence in our school system, what does that mean? Obviously we do not desire a system which offers preparation of every child for Harvard but fails to answer the needs of others. Peter Anderson has begun such an effort at the high-school level.

Let the School Committee involve us all in the quest to describe what being the best is all about. Let us compare ourselves with other outstanding systems in the USA.

Second, the committee then needs to tell us the process for how excellence will be achieved and what it will cost. Do we need new and better equipment? Should our class size be lowered? Are better innovations in curriculum available? Are we paying our teachers adequately? Are we making the task of teaching as challenging and exciting as it should be?

How are we measuring and rewarding excellence in the classroom? Do we offer enough, especially at the secondary level, to answer a diversity of student skills and interests? The current annual angst involving money fails to get ahead of the problem and is forever playing catch up.

Finally, as a community we must consider once and for all who we are and what we desire. Are the schools and our young people our first priority? Is it not time to junk the sacred "bucket" model in town budgeting? This will be a matter for the School Committee to present at Town Meeting and for a Proposition 2½ override.

This can be one of the most exciting ventures in our town's history.

For the moment find the money the system requires to stay even. Then, let's get going with a plan worth the investment.

I believe in Andover and feel the moment is right to ask ourselves these questions. Excellence always comes with a price, and, once it is understood, I believe we are willing to pay for it.

Larry Larsen is a former selectman and current member of the Andover Youth Foundation.

Letters policy

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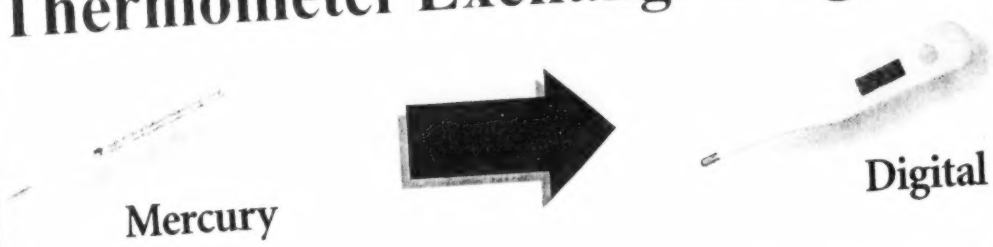

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Adult Spelling Bee looking for brave teams

The fourth annual Andover Spelling Bee promises to be the biggest ever. The Andover Fund for Education, sponsor of the bee, reports that it has received twice as many registrations as it had at this time last year. "We already have teams from the public schools, the Historical Society, Memorial Hall Library, the Andona Society, AVIS, Rotary, and Andover Bank," says Mary O'Donoghue, AFE president.

There is still time to register for the bee, which will be held at Doherty Middle School Auditorium on Friday, April 6 at 7 p.m. Contact AFE board member Bill Kane at 470-4608. Cost is $200 for a team of four adults. Money raised funds AFE's teacher grants. Superintendent Claudia Bach and AHS Principal Peter Anderson will be moderators, while State Sen. Sue Tucker and *Townsman* editor Neil Fater will be judges.

Programs beware: Rule change for 'camps'

On April 5, between 2 and 4 p.m., the Andover Health Department will conduct a training seminar on regulations relating to recreational camps for children.

In the spring, the state Department of Public Health revised the regulations that affect camps. These revisions have changed the definition of a camp to include summer children's activities once though of as "programs." These camps now require an inspection and a Board of Health license. Some other determining factors, regardless of whether the camp is for profit or not are: operating for more than two hours per day, serving five or more children who are not family, operating between June 15 and Sept. 30 of any year, or promoting the program as a camp.

Another important change concerns the campers' health and immunization records. Sports related camps could be directly affected. The training will focus on the definition of a camp to assist those who may be in doubt regarding their status, and to review the changes with camps that hold a current license. For those camps currently licensed, this is a mandatory training. For information or to register, contact the Andover Health Department at 978-623-8295.

Photo by Tim Jean

In charge — Principal for a Day Chelsea Girard talks to South Elementary student Alexis Latsey.

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Education

All-day kindergarten option could be victim of budget-cutting

By Adam Groff

School Superintendent Claudia Bach has said that the school budget she is supporting for next year is a "bare-bones" budget that will prevent the Andover schools from fully pursuing new programs and initiatives designed to make them "exemplary." One of the initiatives that may fall by the wayside is the potential introduction of an all-day kindergarten option.

In the half-day kindergarten currently offered in Andover schools, children are enrolled in either morning or afternoon sections. All-day kindergarten would combine the two time slots into one. A potential pilot program at Shawsheen School has been proposed for this fall, though whether "all-day K" will be attempted remains in doubt.

"I think there's probably a less-than-50-percent chance of pulling it off," said Bach last Tuesday of the "all-day K" pilot program. Shawsheen parents have been invited to participate in a lottery for a slot in one all-day section at the school, but if enrollment numbers in July are not high enough, or if state grant money does not come through, the program may not fly.

But why even consider all-day kindergarten?

"There's no question that children gain from being in an all-day situation," said Bach, citing a nationwide trend toward the practice. "They can get in a lot of pre-reading work and early mathematics. The kindergarten teachers now feel that the day has hardly begun and then they have to go home and they don't feel that they can cover the material."

Other area schools have taken up this idea: Methuen schools are in their second full year of district-wide all-day kindergarten.

"We were basically concerned with the development of youngsters' literacy skills," said Methuen School Superintendent Phil Littlefield. But he also acknowledged the cost. "We've doubled our kindergarten staff and doubled our space. It is truly an investment, but it was an investment that in the Methuen community we thought was important. We have very, very few people who do not choose the all-day section."

Photo by Tim Jean

Irene Velonis takes attendance Tuesday in her afternoon kindergarten class at Shawsheen School.

Bach said that two surveys in the past six years show that about half of Andover parents say they want an all-day option. Diane Costagliola, South Elementary Parent-Teacher Organization president, agreed.

"You would probably have just as many people advocate for all-day kindergarten as are happy with the way things are," said Costagliola. "Obviously for parents who work, an all-day kindergarten situation is desirable. But if you're home with your kids, maybe it's less desirable. I think people will be interested, but they want to see how it goes with the pilot program." She also said that Andover parents have been pleased with before- and after-school programs like Shawsheen Extended Day (SHED, now located on the Phillips Academy campus), perhaps diminishing the perceived need for the all-day option.

Bach said that even after redistricting, Andover schools are not likely to have the space for all-day kindergarten in all the elementary schools. But if the Shawsheen program meets with success, the plan was to look at adding sections of all-day K at schools that could accommodate them.

However, with town officials pressuring her to keep new staff requests to a bare minimum, Bach is currently not in a position to go wild with the idea.

"For every section that we put in, that's half of a teacher's salary," said Bach. Asked if she would consider killing the program regardless of whether it is successful, she said, "If we really have to cut, cut our budget, we might do that."

"The problem with anything," said Costagliola, "is that conceptually it's great, but it's the money issue. I think it's good that this is coming up around budget time. People need to know the constraints."

West and Doherty middle schools host Career Day

Eighth-graders at West and Doherty middle school had the opportunity to interview adults from a wide range of professions last Thursday, March 22. Dozens of careers were represented ranging from town and state government to the sciences, arts, finances, sports and information technology. Several parents and other adults volunteered their time to talk to students about their jobs and the training they needed to prepare for them. Although many students will one day work in positions not yet created, the purpose of the annual Career Day is to expose students to a variety of job options and give them a chance to ask questions. Adult volunteers shared examples of their work and in some cases used laptop computers or props for demonstrations.

Photo by Susan Devine

Discussing town government at West Middle School Career Day last Thursday, from left are: Steven Chang, Matt Orenberg, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski, Jack Hamilton, Davis Schirmer, Erica Ginsberg, Joe Tornatore, and John Fox.

Middle and right photos by Tim Jean

At Doherty's Career Day, Officer Dennis Lane shows students some of the tools of the Andover Police Department. At right, Doherty students Amanda Saunders and Jess Haskin look after Pippi, who came with Drs. Richard and Martha Lindsay of Andover Animal Hospital.

SCHOOLTALK

Shawsheen School will host an open house for new and current parents at the school tonight, Thursday, March 29.

Principal **Brenda O'Brien** said new and current families attending the school are invited to tour the school starting at 6:45 p.m. At 7:45 p.m., parents and students new to Shawsheen, including parents with children entering kindergarten in September, can attend an information program.

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Andover High has qualified for the National Marketing Conference (DECA) for what organizers say is an unprecedented 23rd consecutive year. Andover was represented with 60 students competing at the state marketing conference, which was held earlier this month.

These students competed in various categories such as: apparel and accessories, marketing management services, retail merchandising, hospitality and tourism, and business financial management. These competitors engaged in four major events: two written tests in their respective areas, along with two professional interviews.

Andover's team will go to the national competitions April 24-29 in Anaheim, Calif.

Andover students taking part in the national competition are: **Brendan Ahern, Brittany Birrell, Danielle Huntley, Philip Martin, Christoph Krey** and **Patrick Roy**. Overall, 13,000 high schoolers from across the country will be competing for top honors.

Other Andover High students who placed in the top 10 overall in their various chosen categories are: **Kristina Araujo, Michael Chabot, Scott Chamberlin, Amy Feinberg, Shawna Foley, Kristen Leonard, Todd Putnam, Ashley Troutman** and **Jeff Volinski**.

Jo Ann Samra and **Joe Spanos** are the marketing and entrepreneurship advisers.

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Those interested in learning more about enhancing a healthy, emotional development in girls are encouraged to attend a **Parent-to-Parent** workshop on the topic.

Catherine Steiner-Adair: Expert on promoting girls' self-esteem comes to town Wednesday, April 4.

Dr. Catherine Steiner-Adair, a clinical and consulting psychologist who is director of education, prevention and outreach at the Harvard Eating Disorders Center, will talk about building self-esteem in girls next Wednesday, April 4 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at **West Middle School**. Snow date is April 5.

Steiner-Adair's internationally recognized work is in the areas of gender-equity issues, girls' development, and how eating disorders relate to a girl's development.

Steiner-Adair addressed Andover parents and school staffers three years ago, and more than 300 people attended that lecture.

This year, Steiner-Adair returns with the latest research findings and will discuss the many cultural and social pressures that are detrimental, particularly to girls, but also to boys. Practical suggestions and strategies will be provided.

For more information about the workshop, call **Barbara Jezak** at 474-0387.

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Earlier this month, while some parents shoveled out driveways and walkways and their children were sledding or building snowmen, a group of children presented their musical expertise in a March 10 workshop hosted by the **Merrimack Valley Music Teachers Association** at **Memorial Hall Library**.

"Music Through the Ages" encompassing the musical periods of Baroque, Classical, Romantic and Contemporary gave local young pianists a chance to perform pieces, talk briefly about their composer and listen to commentary by local music historian **Jim Dalton**. Piecing together a visual timeline, students and their teachers creatively incorporated music and history with interesting and relatively unknown facts.

Students from Andover and surrounding towns included: **Sarah Hubbar, Jessica Saporito, Joel Sciabarrasi, Courtney Harris, Elizabeth Treado, Julie Helmers, Matthew Huppe,**

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Elementary schools

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Tuesday: Breakfast sandwich, hot dog on a roll, toasted cheese sandwich with soup, hash browns, peaches, brownie, and milk.

Wednesday: Two tacos, mozzarella sticks with salad, chicken nuggets, potato puffs, applesauce, and milk.

Thursday: Spaghetti & meatballs with salad, french toast sticks with sausage, cheeseburger, green beans, peaches, and milk.

Friday: Chef's salad with soup, slice of pizza, chicken nuggets with potato puffs, fresh fruit, Jello, and milk.

Doherty Middle School

Monday: Oven baked chicken with potato, nachos with cheese sauce, pizza sticks with soft pretzel and salad, corn, cranberry sauce, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast sandwich, two hot dogs on a roll, two toasted cheese sandwiches with soup, hash browns, peaches, brownie, and milk.

Wednesday: Roast pork dinner, mozzarella sticks with salad, chicken nuggets with potato puffs, applesauce, and milk.

Thursday: Spaghetti & meatballs with salad, Chicken McSchool, cheeseburger on a roll, green beans, peaches, and milk.

Friday: Chef's salad with soup, slice of pizza with salad, chicken nuggets with potato puffs, fruit, and milk.

Secondary schools

Monday: Chicken and gravy over rice, stuffed crust pizza, spaghetti & meatballs, fruit, veggie, and milk.

Tuesday: Two tacos, two bagel pizza, rotini with marinara sauce, fruit, veggie, and milk.

Wednesday: Beef-n-cheese sub, stuffed crust pizza, pasta olio, fruit, veggie, and milk.

Thursday: Oven baked chicken, bakery pizza, spaghetti & meatballs, fruit, veggie, and milk.

Friday: Two toasted cheese sandwiches, stuffed crust pizza, rotini with marinara sauce, fruit, veggie, and milk.

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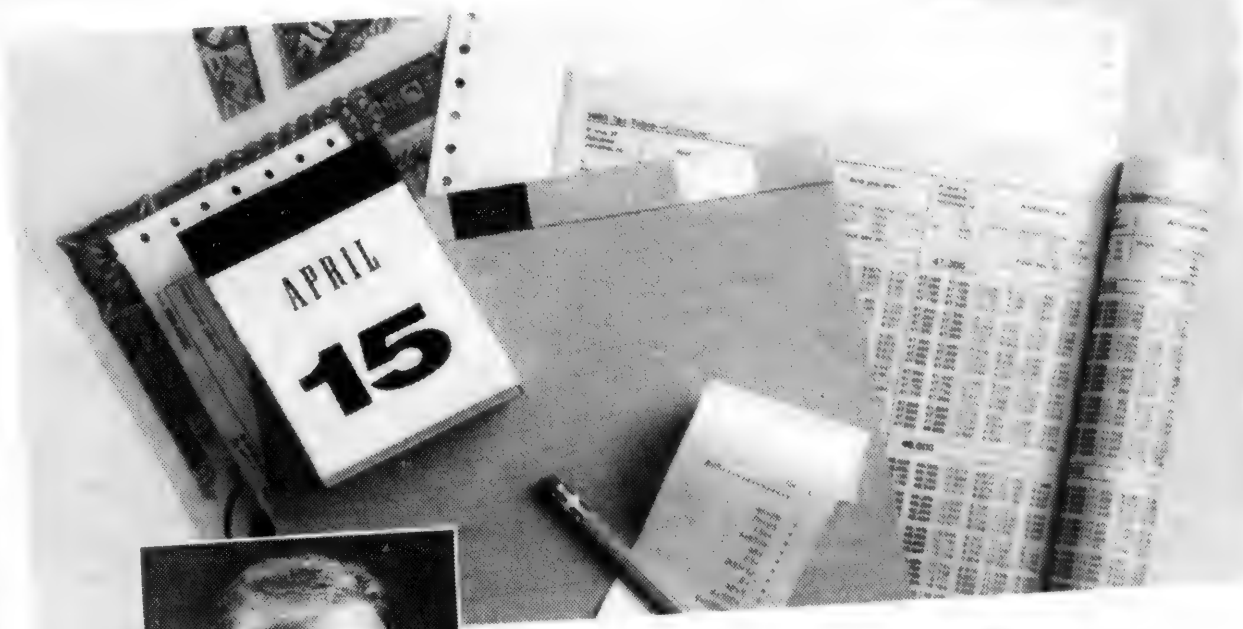

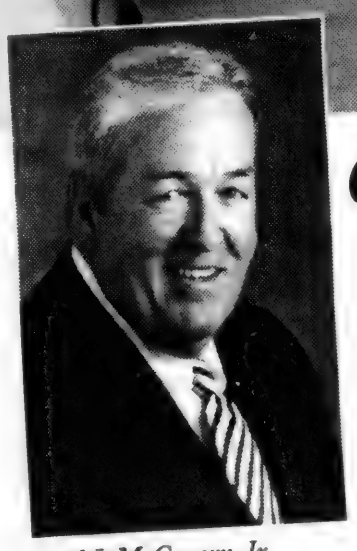

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Applications are now available at the Andover High School guidance office. Private school seniors can obtain applications at the Memorial Hall Library reference desk or by mailing a request to: Andona Society, P.O. Box 256, Andover, 01810, Attn: Sheila Graham. AHS applications must be received in the school guidance office by Friday, April 13. Private school and other postal applications must be postmarked no later than Friday, April 13.

The Andona Society, a non-profit charitable organization founded in 1952, raised more than $50,000 last year to benefit Andover youth programs. Andona contributed funds for the Andover Skateboard Park, AHS Senior Safari, Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, challenged youth programs, Gender Initiative A.W.E.some Summer, trauma intervention programs, various sport teams, Odyssey of the Mind teams, Friends of Andover Youth Fashion Show, Shakespeare in the Park, Homegrown Film Festival, AHS marching band, PAC organizations, community service programs, aquarium and science museum passes for town residents, and elementary and middle school cultural programs.

In addition, the organization provided financial assistance for 45 Andover youths to attend camp last summer.

For more information on the Andona Society and to receive membership information, contact Mary Beth Finn, membership chairperson, at 475-0414.

SCHOOL TALK

David Murrary, Fred Huang, Tyne Darke, Emily Rowinski, Christine Middleton, Brooke Bartell, Nikki Bartell, Elizabeth Scoble, Meghan Murrary, Maura Donovan, Carly Golan, Colleen Treado, Jonathan Bishop, Sarah Reynolds, John Kelly, Julia Littlefield, Mark Walsh, Cam McPherson, Michael Palermo, Jennifer Chew, Brian Casey, Meagan O'Keefe, Garrett Cook, Davis Schirmer and **Martin Serna**.

Andover piano teachers were **Jody Brickman, Kay Foltz, Leslie Kaplan,** and **Linda Shen**. Other teachers from the Merrimack Valley include **Alice Donovan** (Bradford), **Carolyn Fortin** and **Rusty Pulumbo** (Reading), **Marguerite Samoorian** (Groton), **Carolyn Stanhope** (Wilmington) and **Paulette Theriault** (Merrimac).

For more information, call **Paulette Theriault** at 978-346-8543; or Leslie Kaplan at 978-475-4285.

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The Andona Society will sponsor its Spring Fling program Saturday, March 31 from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., a chemical-free event for all Andover 6th-, 7th-, and 8th-grade students held at the **Andover/North Andover YMCA**.

Activities include a bungee run, a DJ and dancing, hip hop with Dance Infusion, swimming, and sports games.

Pizza, snacks and soda will be served and door prizes will be given away. A parent permission slip required, and the cost is $8 per student.

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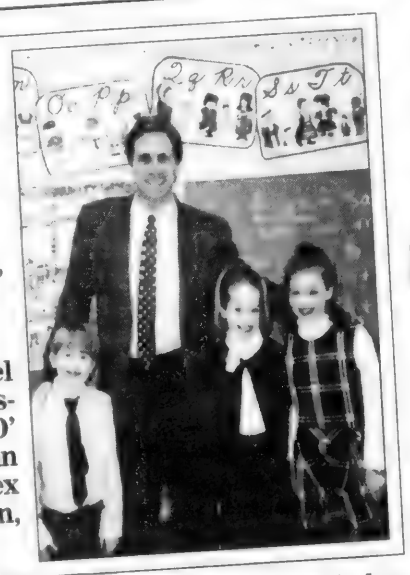
St. Augustine's had a special visitor, **Sean Hennessey** of Channel 7 News. Hennessey spoke with the second-grade class about broadcasting and news reporting. The children had been working on Junior Achievements.



◀St. Augustine School recently celebrated Catholic education week. At left are Jim Sutton, director of Memorial Hall Library, 8th-grader Nick Carleton of Andover, and Nick's kindergarten buddy, Jack Krasovec of Haverhill.

Sean Hennessey of Channel 7 News visited St. Augustine's. From left are Kyle O'Hagan of Methuen, Sean Hennessey, Kristina Rex and Courtney Naughton, all of Andover.▶

News

School Committee rejects selectmen's funding idea

Finance Committee reports go out without budget stance

By Rebecca Piro

The School Committee refuses to sacrifice the quality of the average child's education to fund special-education costs.

That's what committee members told selectmen Monday night, forcing selectmen to rethink a budget "notion" of taking $375,000 from the general schools operating budget and using it to help plug what they believe is a gaping hole in special-education funding.

With the School Committee's words in their heads, selectmen took no position on the budget before the Finance Committee's report was printed Tuesday.

The $375,000 would likely come from cuts to the superintendent's requests for staffing and operation. While the selectmen's budget plan grants the school department all $42.5 million it asked for, School Committee members argue that the figure is misleading, because the special-education funds are provided at the cost of the normal operating budget.

"These are unacceptable cuts in the area of staffing and operation," said School Committee member Gerry Gustus.

"We are simply not willing to do that at this time," agreed School Committee Chairwoman Tina Girdwood. "We feel we must commit to this level of support for (regular) education as well as special education."

Selectmen Chairman Brian Major was uncomfortable with the idea of residents walking into Town Meeting without the selectmen's budget recommendation in their hands. "This could be one of the first times the Board of Selectmen doesn't take a position on something this critical," he said.

At present, the selectmen have recommended for approval all of the Town Manager's proposed budget figures, with the exception of the school budget and stabilization fund numbers. Some officials would like to see money put in the stabilization fund to be used for opening the schools in the fall of 2002.

Whether selectmen decide to go with Monday's proposal and take most of Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski's recommended $600,000 from the stabilization fund and put it towards special education; or whether they decide to put that money into the stabilization fund to open the new schools the following year, will have a major impact on whether the town needs an override next year, and how big it could be.

The selectmen, the Finance Committee and the Strategic Planning Task Force assembled three different budget proposals for discussion Monday night. While all three plans dodge an override this year, the selectmen's plan would force officials to ask for an override for fiscal year 2003 for at least $2.7 million. An override of that size would bump the average tax payer's bill up to almost $5,500.

The Finance Committee's plan gives $42 million to schools and would force the town to ask for a $2.1 million override next year. The Strategic Planning Task Force's plan – while possibly scraping by without asking for an override – gives only $41.6 million to schools, and allows no room for growth next year.

Major noted that if the town gambles and overspends this year, there is always the chance that residents will not pass an override next year – an override that would be crucial just to fund the existing budget at that time. Without it, officials would be hard-pressed to open the new schools, and would be forced to lay off employees, he said.

Mid-March photo by Tim Jean

Heavy lifting — Finding a way to pay to open the two schools being built near Cross Street is proving to be a tall order.

Affordable home idea not A-OK with PAZ

Local residents were unimpressed by a developer's efforts to address their concerns about his comprehensive permit application at Monday night's Zoning Board of Appeals meeting. Bill McLaughlin of AvalonBay Communities reduced the number of units in his proposed apartment complex on the site of the Monastery of St. Clare on River Road from 152 to 136, but residents say that isn't enough.

"I think it's becoming entrenched," said Jeff Bowman of Ravens Bluff regarding the positions of residents and the developer. Residents in the vicinity of the nine-acre plot have organized to form the Protect Andover Zoning (PAZ) committee, and they oppose the AvalonBay plan as disruptive to the neighborhood, harmful to the environment, and burdensome for the school system.

"The ultimate goal is to not have them build a high-density complex there," said Bowman. Regarding McLaughlin's concessions, which also included shrinking some of the parking areas and adding a playground, Bowman said, "We expected that – I think that's totally a negotiating ploy, and he knew he was going to come down that far all along, so that was no surprise to us. It has no material effect on the desirability of this development."

McLaughlin commented, "My sense is that they made their mind up before I ever set foot in town hall, and they're not going to let the facts stand in the way of their opinion."

$500,000 from state could solve this year's woes, says Finegold

Waste windfall for NESWC's Andover

By Rebecca Piro

In the midst of one of the tightest budget crunches in years, Andover has $500,000 coming to it next month from the state in connection with its North East Solid Waste Consortium (NESWC) contract. But town officials say they won't put it towards the budget.

State Rep. Barry Finegold announced earlier this week that a state fund promoting clean energy will hand over $500,000 to Andover sometime next month, supposedly with "no strings attached." The money is collected from residents' electrical bills. By 2003, Andover will receive just over $1 million to compensate for its contributions to revamp the NESWC facility in North Andover, where 23 communities burn their trash to energy.

Finegold envisions that extra money going towards the schools' deficit in next year's budget, with which town officials are currently struggling.

In fact, if Andover was not paying $1.2 million per year for its 13,000 tons of trash, it likely would not be in a budget crunch, says Finegold.

"With (the $500,000), you're half-way there (to meet the schools' needs)," he says. "(Maybe) this is a way to avoid a Proposition 2 ½ override."

Not so, says Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski. The money will go right back into Andover's NESWC account to combat the prices of trash disposal, which will skyrocket in the next five years according to the town's 20-year contract. The contract, which ends in 2005, is "backloaded," with the peak-paying years all at the end of the agreement.

"If we were to take that money today and spend it (on something else), next year you would see your garbage tip fees probably skyrocket. It will keep their fees on a level plane," agrees NESWC representative Jack Petkus, public works director for the town.

Andover generates an average of 13,000 tons of trash per year, and the average household pays about $150 per year for disposal, not counting trash-removal fees, says Petkus.

Finegold says the state coerced Andover into a contract with NESWC in the 1980s, forcing residents to pay high prices for trash disposal. NESWC was supposed to help energy prices go down, but instead, prices skyrocketed, trapping residents into a position where they were paying high prices for the contract, as well as high energy prices. The 20-year contract Andover is currently tied into with NESWC ends in 2005, says Finegold. But until then, residents will continue to pay high prices.

"We're paying twice the state-wide average (for trash disposal)," says Finegold. "So much money is going to haul away our trash. We're literally throwing money away."

Stapczynski says that town officials are aware that the $500,000 is available, but he foresees no decisions to turn that money towards the schools' deficit, or any other area of the budget.

"I think the trash touches every family in town in a more dramatic way than schools do," says Stapczynski. "That's one service we provide universally. It goes to the homes of the two-year-olds and the 92-year-olds."

Not spending more money on rising trash disposal costs will ultimately leave more money to spend on schools and other town operations, he adds.

The small playing field in front of the Balmoral condominium, near the intersection of Routes 28 and 133, became the site of a small pond, as the canal in front of the building reached its zenith on Friday.

Photo by Tim Jean

Flood

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tlesnake and Gould Roads up until mid-Sunday morning.

The basement of Shawsheen School flooded and caused some electrical damage, and the roofs on a few public buildings sprung a few leaks, Stapczynski says. It will take two weeks for town workers to assess all the damage.

Though nothing is definite, the town will likely need to cover some costs for public building repairs, road repairs and police and fire overtime, says Stapczynski.

Private homeowners should contact the Red Cross, located in Lawrence at 683-2465, to get onto lists for costs of property damage and repair. While Stapczynski calls this one of the worst floods Andover has seen, he adds that damage in Andover was minimal compared to other communities, with a few exceptions.

One home on Napier Street was severely damaged because the water's flow went right through it.

"Those residents really have a tough road ahead of them," says Officer Bob Cronin. "There were many homes in town were we (had) to shut off the electricity and boilers due to the water."

Eight families were evacuated from North Main Street, and as of Wednesday had not yet returned. They are still waiting for the health and building inspectors to survey the sites.

"The byproduct of all this is that we're developing a huge pothole problem," says Cronin, adding that police have increasingly received calls for help from people damaging their vehicle in a pothole. "People really have to be aware that the puddle of standing water might be a foot and a half deep."

Smooth sailing for some

But the storm was not without its laughs. While overseeing the closing of North Main Street last weekend, Hashem brought along his camera and snapped a photo of a child sailing a boat through the First Essex Bank parking lot. "You might as well make the best of a bad situation," he laughed.

Mary Jane Dennehy of Wild Rose Drive recalled the sight of a person kayaking over the Ballardvale falls – at his own peril, as the people watching him all wondered who would have to be the one to save him from the churning water. "Everybody said, 'You've got to be kidding me,'" says Dennehy.

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Like other streets, part of South Main Street was closed off during last week's storm due to flooding, but that didn't stop this car from trying to get through on Thursday. It made it.

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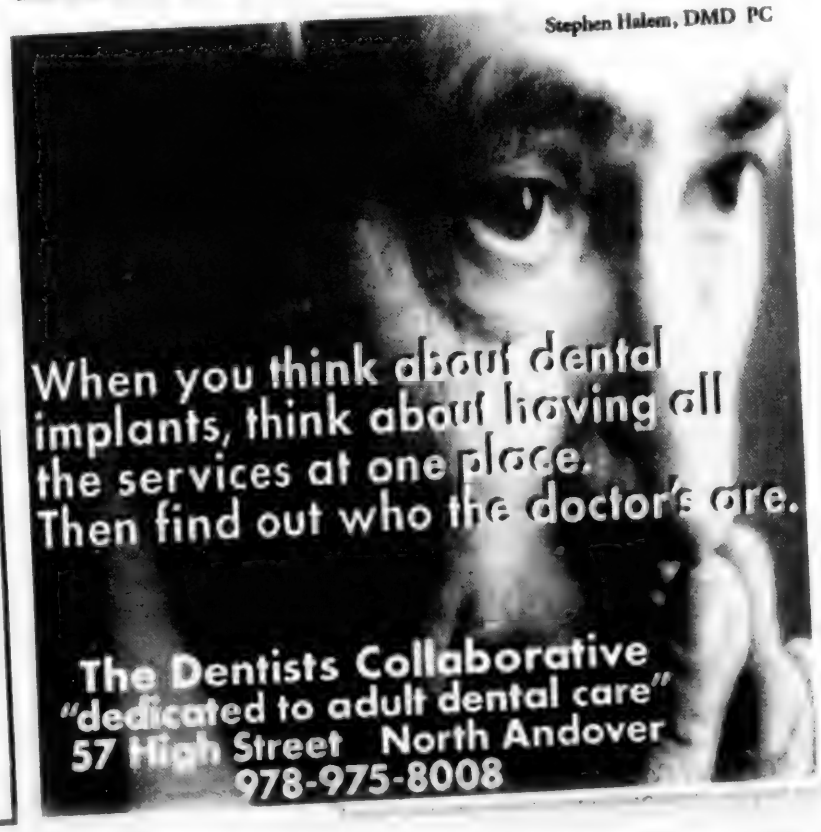

North Main Street area flood raises old issues

Pumping out the plaza

By Rebecca Piro

Stefanie and David Brutsch of North Main Street watched the waters rise Friday, packed up what wasn't already wet, and closed the door to their house behind them. The Shawsheen River was spilling over its banks and up both their front and back steps.

"That's one of the areas that is historically a problem in my 20 years," says Officer Bob Cronin, of the area near Shawsheen Plaza. "I can think of two or three other instances that it was flooded out."

Across the street from the Brutsches' home, workers were pumping water out of a sewer and into the river, to relieve water pressure and keep the water from spilling further into the street and people's homes. Nevertheless, by Friday night, the parking lot in front of Market Basket was awash.

It is because of such water problems that some residents have opposed further development in the area, fearful that new development in the area and new homes elsewhere hooking into the sewer line that runs under North Main Street would cause additional problems.

Andover plans to increase the sewer flow downtown by breaking ground on a $30 million sewer system that will tack on hundreds of households to the current pipeline.

Until last year, town officials insisted that the main sewer pipe already in the ground could handle the added capacity created by 250 households being added to sewer. Many residents disagreed, pointing to an incident last summer when the pipe overflowed – an incident that Public Works Director Jack Petkus attributed to vandalism.

The state approved the sewer project, but required Andover to expand the pipe's capacity by installing a second pipe. The question is: will that solve the problem?

"I don't have a crystal ball, but according to the numbers, it appears to be adequate," says Petkus. But even a bigger pipe could overflow in a situation like last week's, he adds. "Nobody could have forecasted that."

Despite the flood's devastation on several homes, Health Director Everett Penney is also optimistic about the sewer project. A bigger line will reduce the amount of sewerage that ends up in the river in flood emergencies, he says. Friday and Saturday, workers spent hours furiously pumping raw sewage out of a manhole in Shawsheen Plaza and into the Shawsheen River, trying to reduce the water pressure underground. "It either goes there or it backs up into people's houses," Penney says.

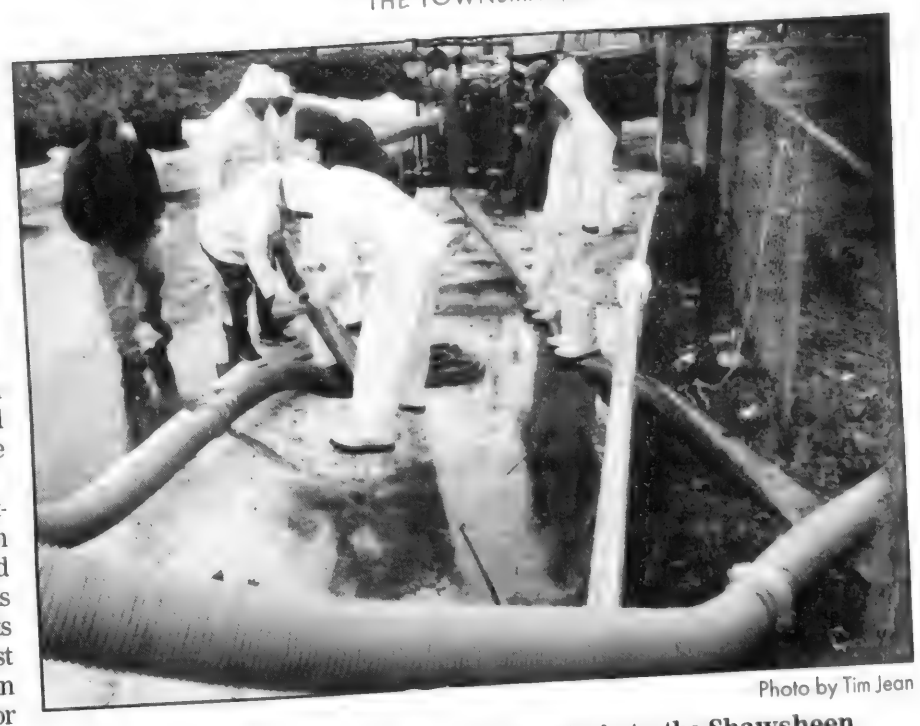

Photo by Tim Jean

Workers pumped from a manhole directly into the Shawsheen.

Photo by Tim Jean

David Brutsch takes a photo of his backyard Friday before evacuating.

Can area take a Powder?

Last year the town also approved Powder Mill Square – a project for up to 72 housing units – right in the midst of the Shawsheen flood plain. Some homeowners believe this will only exacerbate the flooding problem.

"There's 10 of us (neighbors being evacuated) right now," said Stefanie Brutsch, who returned to her house later that Friday with her husband. They pulled all their cookware out of the bottom kitchen cabinets and moved the heavy furniture upstairs. The water reached the top step of their basement, inches below the living-room floor boards.

Both said were unable to imagine the scene if Powder Mill Square had been constructed and filled with families. "What about when it's 72 (families)?"

"Based on what we've gone through this week... that project should not (happen)," agrees Cyr Circle resident Mary Carbone.

But Powder Mill Square developer Louis Minicucci says that the storm and flooding reassured him of the project's merits.

"What you saw over the weekend is

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Debt exclusion floated to fund $2 million center article

Seniors looking to nail down cash

By Rebecca Piro

Thanks to resident Richard Bowen's warrant article, seniors cannot ask Town Meeting for more than $2 million to renovate Will Hall.

Though seniors know for sure *what* they will ask for, before Town Meeting they still have to decide the *where, when* and *how* of the matching-funds article.

TOWN MEETING ARTICLE

Bowen's article, submitted in January, asks the town to match $2 million of the amount that seniors raise privately. It's a challenge to the town to participate in the fundraising and take responsibility for its seniors, says Bowen.

Bowen thought $2 million would cover about half the expense of renovating Will Hall. But since he submitted the article, seniors and town officials have taken a closer look at the costs. According to project manager Phil Tuminelli's numbers, the actual cost to renovate Will Hall is closer to $5.2 million, not $4 million.

With the money private fundraising group Friends of Andover Seniors has raised since 1996, minus design costs, seniors are facing an obstacle of securing $4.6 million before June 30, 2002, in accordance with a lease between the town and building owner Phillips Academy.

Mass. General Laws state that officials cannot add, delete or change articles once the warrant is closed, which prevents any adjustments to the Bowen's $2 million figure before Town Meeting.

"With the warrant article as is, we're locked into a ceiling of what the town would contribute," said Selectmen Chairman Brian Major at an earlier meeting.

Receiving approval of $2 million won't be easy, as officials are still struggling to balance the budget and look ahead to the opening of new schools and the safety center without asking residents for a Proposition 2 ½ override.

It is likely that seniors will have to raise $2.6 million to combine with the town's possible $2 million for the $4.6 million total.

Major asked seniors to consider amending the warrant article on Town Meeting floor, making its approval contingent on a debt-exclusion vote following Town Meeting to pay for the Will Hall renovation.

If residents voted for a debt exclusion, the town would pay for the $2 million in public funds through residential property taxes over and above Prop. 2 ½ for a limited time.

"It is an option which we would entertain," says Zollner. "I'd rather have it than nothing at all."

How and when the town would hand over its $2 million in public funds is also a question. Seniors may need to spend more money prior to the June 2002 deadline to keep the project moving, for things like construction documents. Major wants the group to determine whether the town would give the money dollar per dollar as seniors raise it, or whether the entire chunk is handed over at the end of the fundraising process.

The selectmen have not yet taken a position on this warrant article, but Major says the board will walk into Town Meeting with a decision on whether to recommend approval.

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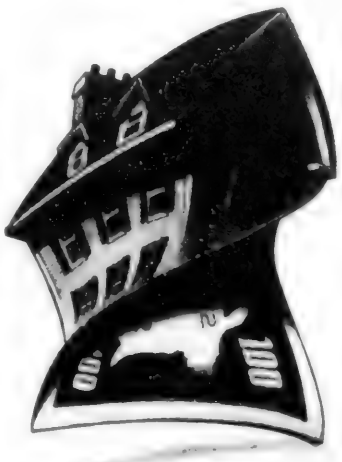

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Sewer expansion project, future development may be affected

Environment: State creates new, acres-large turtle habitat

By Jennifer Lappin

A hand-sized turtle could prove to be a handful for the designers of the town's sewer expansion project.

The Divisions of Fisheries & Wildlife's Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program (NHESP) has created a new estimated habitat for spotted turtles that were recently documented to be living in the Highland Road/Heather Drive area of Andover.

Turtle neighbor: Doug Johnson

Residents had hoped a turtle habitat would be declared to prevent development in the area. But they say the state has created a habitat area five times larger than they expected.

The NHESP sent the confirmation letter and a map outlining this marked off area to the Andover Conservation Commission, the Department of Environmental Protection and to Doug Johnson, one of the main neighborhood sponsors of this estimated habitat initiative.

"At first it [the area on the map] looked so small, and then I looked a bit harder and realized that the marked off area is huge, and it's more than just the 16 acres of the Sellers property. It encompasses parts of the Phillips bird sanctuary, my house, pretty much the entire Sellers estate, a whole road, more Phillips land," says Johnson.

The future of the Sellers estate has been the subject of ongoing debate among the Highland Road neighbors, community members and the town. When Ruth May Sellers died this past summer, she left her 21-acre estate to her extended family. The heirs had expressed interest in selling the estate and had put the land parcel on the market for sealed bidding this past October. A group of Highland Road area residents, soon to be self-titled as the "Concerned Neighbors," tried to compete with the developers' bids by raising funds from land-trust organizations, the Andover Village Improvement Society and from private donations from the neighbors. Although they raised a little less than $1.1 million, they fell short of the highest bidder by more than $1 million. The group believed that their land conservation hopes had been dashed, until the spotting of two spotted turtles on the Sellers property.

This palm-sized turtle has made a big impact on possible plans for land development on or near the Sellers estate and throws Andover's preliminary sewer plans into question. Because this area now falls under the rare species provisions of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act regulations (310 CMR 10.59), all development plans, called Notices of Intent, must be submitted to Andover's Conservation Commission and also to the NHESP. Town Conservation Director Jim Greer explained, "The NHESP will evaluate the notice on the basis that there will be no short- or long-term adverse impact on the species that is protected."

It is difficult to assess how the NHESP and the Town Conservation Commission will limit or restrict development plans in the newly defined Estimated Habitat, if at all, because there have been no Notices of Intent filed. The original highest bidder for the Sellers estate withdrew and Andover's sewer plans for the area remain in preliminary stages.

"Sometimes, whenever people are opposed to something, they look for environmental issues or other issues, so it doesn't surprise me that they found a turtle. Not that there isn't one out there," said Department of Public Works Director Jack Petkus. Petkus said that there are less desirable alternatives to the current sewer proposal that runs through the estimated habitat.

'Whenever people are opposed to something they look for issues, so it doesn't surprise me that they found a turtle.'

— Jack Petkus

Public works director

"We could go through adjoining property, take easements into people's backyards, put up pump stations," said Petkus.

Sewer projects fall under the limited protections category under the Wetlands Protection Act (310CMR sec 10.533), which allows for more flexibility in development proposals. But with questions abounding as to what might be built around Highland Road, the spotted turtle may effect future development in the area.

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POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Saturday, March 24 – At 9:42 p.m., Alex Alcantara, 20, of 66 Saunders St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with illegally possessing a Class D substance.

Sunday, March 25 – At 12:39 a.m., Efrain Sierra, 28, of 37 Memorial Circle, was arrested and charged with one count of assault and battery, and one count of assault.

Monday, March 26 – At 1:38 p.m., Maira Santana, 24, of 105 Margine St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with driving without a license and speeding.

Tuesday, March 27 – At 3:30 p.m., Jonathan Fortin, 21, of 5 Yardley Road, was arrested and charged with breaking and entering at night with the intent to commit a felony, and larceny of property worth more than $250.

At 8:14 p.m., Anne Halfpenny, 48, of 9 Whispering Pines Drive, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and failing to stay in marked lanes.

INCIDENTS

Thursday, March 22 – At 7:24 a.m., a Bailey Road resident called 911 to report that his driveway was flooding due to a clogged drain in the driveway. He was advised to "consult the yellow pages, possibly under plumbers," according to the log.

At 1:07 p.m., a caller reported that water was bubbling up from a manhole on Chestnut Street.

At 2:46 p.m., a caller reported a possible fire in the basement of Memorial Hall Library. The fire department found no fire, but smoke was coming from the boiler room after water flooded the basement.

At 3:10 p.m., a caller reported that he was missing an airplane ticket from his office on Shattuck Road.

Friday, March 23 – At 11:41 a.m., a caller from Andover High reported a missing wallet.

At 12:03 p.m., officers reported to North Main Street to direct traffic because the road was flooded.

At 2:03 p.m., police closed River Street to all traffic because it was flooded.

At 2:57 p.m., a female called to ask an officer to remove her husband, whom she is in the process of divorcing, from her home. An officer responded to the scene and advised the couple of their rights to get restraining orders.

At 6:46 p.m., a male approached a police officer in Shawsheen Square and said he was supposed to meet a friend that was kayaking in the river. The officer told the man he had not seen his friend.

At 6:46 p.m., a caller reported that a vehicle drove past a warning sign on High Plain Road, into the flooded street, and the vehicle got stuck. The driver contacted AAA for help.

Saturday, March 24 – At 2:18 a.m., an Andover Livery driver reported that a male struck a female passenger and knocked out one of her teeth when she got out of the vehicle. The female told the driver not to call the police, but he ignored her. An officer reported to the scene, spoke with the couple, and the female claimed that she fell down.

At 8:08 a.m., a Marilyn Road resident reported seeing a male about to "go through" their vehicle before he was scared away, according to the log. The caller told an officer that he didn't want the police to respond, but only be aware of what had happened.

At 9:57 a.m., an officer reported that the foundation under the train tracks on Andover Street was being

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Construction bandit sought

Police are looking for a male suspect who allegedly broke into a building site on Cormier Way Monday and stole $1,250 worth of construction materials.

Police say a Cormier Construction supervisor noticed a suspicious vehicle driving from the housing construction site on Cormier Way around 6 a.m. The supervisor entered the facility to find 50 bundles of oak flooring missing, says Detective Jim Haggerty.

The suspect

The supervisor described the truck driver as a male in his early to mid-30s with dark, curly hair, a black mustache and gold-rimmed glasses. He was wearing a baseball cap.

The vehicle the suspect was driving was a new-looking, green pick-up truck with ladder racks and white tool boxes.

Police are still investigating whether this incident is related to other construction site break-ins, and they are working with the Methuen Police Department regarding similar incidents. Anyone who recognizes the suspect can call police at 475-0411 to report it.

"If he's a contractor in this area, somebody's going to know him," says Haggerty.

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All Those Years Ago

100 Years Ago in Andover...

The *Townsman* was in receipt of some excellent Baldwin apples this week, which had remained out of doors in a heap with some others all winter. The only protection the apples had were three feed bags and yet they were not frozen. Daniel P. Stiles, who brought them in, said there were about a bushel of good apples in the pile.

Patson, the valuable Boston Terrier owned by F.B. Grout, of Walnut avenue now holds the title of "champion" in his class, a title held by only three other Boston Terriers in the country. Patson is two years and a half old.

One has to go out of town for news as seen in the following clipping: "Up in Andover there was an article in the Town Warrant calling for an appropriation for a public playground. When the article was reached, an excitable citizen rose up and declared it a useless waste of money – for the whole town was a playground."

— *Wakefield Citizen and Banner*

It is possible, however, that our contemporary is somewhat behind the times and refers to a town meeting four years ago when such an article appeared in the warrant.

Inspector Murphy of the Lawrence police force was in town Sunday looking up matters in relation to a robbery in Lawrence. Some of the goods were found buried in a secluded spot on the Ballardvale road.

F.A. Swanton received a new milk wagon of the latest style body for use on his P.A. Farm milk route. In color, it is a very pretty shade of green.

50 Years Ago in Andover...

Construction of the two new elementary schools is expected to start within the next month. The projects will yield an 18-room building in central Andover and a six-room school in West Andover. The present central school building will remain in use until the new 18-room school is completed on the adjacent land on Bartlet Street.

About 200 copies of official "air raid signal and air raid instructions" cards have been received at the local defense office and are available on a "first come, first served" basis. These cards, Director Albert Cole Jr., explains, are to be put in a conspicuous place in the home, office, school, or factory. With each "wall sized" card are smaller ones bearing the same information but of a size convenient for individuals to carry in their pockets. The federal plan is to have one large card for each family and a smaller one for every individual.

Comic books and television will be analyzed at the Central PTA meeting.

25 Years Ago in Andover...

Contractors have begun work on the tie-in of the Ballardvale sewer treatment plant to the town system. The work authorized by last year's Town Meeting is to eliminate the treatment plant, thus preventing pollution from entering the Shawsheen River, as ordered by the federal and state governments.

The Recreation-Community Schools Department has announced that the long awaited Pomps Pond bathhouse is under construction. The new bathhouse is to replace the old wood structure in existence since the early 1940s.

The town has purchased the theater property on Essex Street and the property to the side and rear of the Memorial Hall Library. This acquisition will provide land for future expansion of the library and give space for much-needed parking. The theater building itself will be used for storage and may be utilized as an operations area by the regional library system.

In the spirit of the bicentennial, the forestry division cooperated with the Andover Garden Club in a survey of American elms. The elms were counted and were designated as "Bicentennial Elms," indicating that they are at least 200 years old.

10 Years Ago in Andover...

The School Committee voted 3 to 2 Tuesday night to adopt and implement a school bussing fee for students living less than two miles from their school. Students living less than one and one-half miles from their school who wish to ride the bus will have to pay $119 for the year, and those living one and one-half to two miles will have to pay $206. Frank Paul, assistant superintendent for operations, said the higher fee represents the $87 difference in state reimbursement the town doesn't receive for bussing students less than two miles from school. The committee commented that no student will be denied because of financial hardship. The guidelines for determining hardship will be consistent with the federal government's free-lunch program.

The red Victorian building at Chestnut Street was razed Monday morning to make way for the new *Andover Townsman* building. Before razing the building the *Townsman* offered to sell it for $1 to any person or organization that would move it from the site, and in addition gave Habitat for Humanity anything the organization deemed useful, including sinks, electrical boxes and the furnace. Construction on the new Colonial-style building will begin during the next two weeks, according to Irving Roger Jr., owner and publisher of the paper.

Andover police have a man's wedding ring that was found in Andover and would like to return it to its rightful owner. Anyone missing such a ring should contact the police department.

The town's Patriotic Committee has begun the countdown to Andover's 350th birthday in 1996. The celebration will begin this Founder's Day, Sunday, May 5, and will include a welcome home celebration for the returning troops from the Persian Gulf War and the town's 629 Vietnam veterans. The committee will also fly nine Gettysburg "peace flags", dedicated at the 125 anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, and the Mount Rushmore flag which was first flown on July 4, 1987, on the face of Abraham Lincoln on Mount Rushmore in South Dakota. The Mount Rushmore flag measures 45 by 90 feet, weighs 300 pounds, and will take a crane to raise it on its 100-foot bar. The Mount Rushmore flag and the Gettysburg "peace flags" have been stored in special lockers aboard the *USS Constitution*, "Old Ironsides," in Boston Harbor.

All Those Years Ago was compiled by Townsman *intern Amy McGovern.*

Shawsheen

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what we anticipated, what we planned for," says Minicucci. "From a purely engineering standpoint, it works extremely well."

Engineers for the project surveyed the site Friday, says Minicucci. According to the project plans, about six inches of water would have flooded the first level, which would be a parking garage, had the buildings already been in existence. The first level will be constructed to flood in situations like Friday's, says Minicucci. The housing units will be over 20 feet above the ground.

"In order for the residential units to ever experience water, flood conditions would have to be close to that of a Noah's Ark time," he says.

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Arts & Entertainment

Neeraj Sathnur takes a bite after chocolate is mixed with sugar. At right, Brian Bevacqua concocts his 'M&M surprise'.

Photos by Tim Jean

After making their blindfolds, Todd Buendia and Mark Pereira are ready to take the chocolate taste test, part of the first annual "Chocolate Eat In" at Memorial Hall Library. At right, Jillian Dunn is not sure she likes this particular type of chocolate.

Library's first annual 'Chocolate Eat In' is a tasty event

By Amy McGovern

Sasha Roberge, a student at Doherty Middle School, sat in darkness at the Memorial Hall Library. She made her final decision and jotted down her final answer. Roberge was taking a test but it wasn't the type of test one might expect to find kids taking at the library.

Roberge and six other youths were taking a chocolate taste test, as part of the library's first annual "Chocolate Eat In."

"I eat about a bar of chocolate a week," says Roberge, who was the only student to correctly identify all five flavors of chocolate during the blindfolded taste test, "but my mom really likes it so we have it in the house."

The Chocolate Eat In lasted for almost two hours and included:

- Identifying flavors of chocolate while blindfolded;
- Making a wall-size chocolate timeline, to map out important dates in the history of chocolate;
- Molding edible sculptures out of a dough-like substance made from a mixture of chocolate and corn syrup called "chocolate plastic"; and
- Correctly answering true-false trivia questions to win chocolate bars.

The youths attending this event were all sixth- or seventh-graders, though the Chocolate Eat In was open to any student in grades 6 through 12.

"My brother was upset that this class was for grade 6 and above," said Neeraj Sathnur, a sixth-grader at West Middle School. "My brother is in the third grade, but I'll tell him all about it and even share a few of these," he continued, holding up a large bag filled with Mini M&Ms.

The teens learned fun facts about chocolate, such as that the word chocolate comes from both the Mayan word "Xocolatl" and the Aztec word "Cacahuatl." They also learned that Americans spend more than $7 billion on chocolate yearly, and that some studies show that chocolate fights tooth decay.

Brian Bevacqua, a student at St. Ann's in Methuen, said "it was really cool to make chocolate things out of the chocolate plastic. I made something I call an 'M&M surprise'. It's a cookie that looks like a traffic light and has lots of M&Ms inside of it." Other students made miniature snowmen, giant chocolate kisses, and a bite-size chocolate pizza.

When asked if they liked the program and if they would recommend it to a friend, the youths answered simultaneously and unanimously, giving a definite "yes." "The best thing about today was eating the chocolate" said Todd Buendia, a student at West Middle School. After almost two hours of taste-testing chocolate, the youths left raring for more.

The Chocolate Eat In was organized and hosted by Beth Kerrigan, one of the library's young adult and reference librarians. "We like to have activities that bring young adults here to the library for other reasons than just coming here to do their homework. They really enjoy the activities and it gives us (the librarians) a chance to get to know them," said Kerrigan.

Earth Connection flows with images in Andover Artist Series

Andover artist Carol Boileau will discuss her work and creative process as reflected in "Earth Connections" Tuesday, April 3 at 7 p.m. at Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St.

Boileau is the most recent artist featured in the Society's Contemporary Andover Artists Series. She is well-known throughout the Merrimack Valley for graphic design, computer graphics and calligraphy.

Boileau's work, which will be on exhibit through June 29, focuses primarily on all aspects of nature. Paintings, incorporating abstract elements, are rendered in a colorful, rhythmic manner. Following a successful career as art director and designer, Boileau returned to school to earn her BFA from Massachusetts College of Art. She continued studies at Boston's Museum of Fine Arts and the DeCordova Museum in Lincoln, specializing in medical illustration and abstract painting.

Carol Boileau loves to paint outdoor scenes.

She also pursued graduate studies in art therapy at Lesley College. Boileau received Best in Show awards at Andover Art in the Park and the Whistler House in Lowell.

A member of the Andovers Artists Guild, Reading Art Association, and Art Guild of the Kennebunks in Maine, she is currently an Artist-in-Residence at the Brush Art Gallery & Studios of Lowell. Boileau has exhibited at Andover Town Hall, Memorial Hall Library, Shawmut Bank, Boxford Libraries, Vertu Gallery in Newburyport, and Emerson Umbrella in Concord.

One critic called her "an artist who makes paint literally flow toward the viewer."

"Describing through a visual language the something in color in all objects of nature, is my goal," says Boileau. "My paintings are from memories kept in a special place in my mind that are brought out to savor again fresh and unforgotten. I've always been an outdoors person and maybe that is why the flowers, water and scenes that I paint are the ones that fascinate me. They make me want to keep finding out what they're about and I keep returning to these special items."

Andover Historical Society invites the community to this event. Although it is free, donations will be appreciated.

Call 475-2236 for more information or to RSVP.

EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

Auction, benefits Family Coop Preschool, 6:30 p.m., Edgewood in North Andover; Chris 474-9259 or <www.familycoop.org>.

Computer technology career night, sponsored by North Shore Community College, 6:30 p.m., Cummings Center, Beverly; (978)236-1200.

Open house, Shawsheen School, 6:45 p.m.; Brenda O'Brien 623-8850.

Live comedy, 8 p.m., Larry Myles, call for prices, Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road, Andover; 687-2442.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

Jungle Book, a Doherty Middle School production, $6 adults, $4 kids, 7:30 p.m., Doherty Middle School auditorium; Minda Reidy <Reidy3mr@mediaone.net>.

Art auction, benefits Memorial Hall Library, $10, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall Library; 623-8400.

Opening, The MillArt coffeehouse gallery, 7-11 p.m., 181 Canal St. (formerly KGR factory outlet), Lawrence; Terry (978)557-0137.

The Coffee Shop, Northern Essex Community College Top Notch Players, 8 p.m., $5, $4 seniors, Top Notch Theater, Haverhill campus; James Murphy (978)556-3374.

Antique, collectibles show, $5, 5-9 p.m., 1st Parish Congregational Church, 1 Church St., Wakefield; (781)245-1539.

Live music, Steve Marvin on vocals, Phil Porter on piano, 8 p.m., no cover, PorterHouse Restaurant, 100 Washington St., Haverhill; 9978)373-5100.

Live comedy, 9:30 p.m., Gemini, John Keating, Troy Diamond, call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, Rte. 125, North Andover; (781) 938-8088.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

Spring Fling, chemical-free event for middle-schoolers, sponsored by Andona Society, $8, 7:30-10:30 p.m., YMCA, 165 Haverhill St.; 725-6681.

Craft fair, free, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Sacred Heart Parish, church hall, 321 South Broadway, Lawrence; Irene Potvin 686-5712.

Craft fair, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Dracut High School, 1540 Lakeview Ave., Dracut; (978)455-1588.

Workshop on social justice, diversity, free, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6 Locke St.; Carol Rougvie 470-1676.

Live comedy, 9:30 p.m., Gemini, John Keating, Troy Diamond, call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, Rte. 125, North Andover; (781) 938-8088.

Jungle Book, *see March 30 entry.*

Antique, collectibles show, *10 a.m.-4 p.m., see March 30 entry.*

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

String players concert, featuring string players ages 5 to 18 including Colleen Shannon, Emily Scoble, Veda Ewsarappa, Emily Peterson, Jessica Garone and Ann Marie O'Brien, all of Andover, $5, 3 p.m., Trinitarian Congregational Church, 73 Elm St., North Andover; Trudy Larson 685-7844.

Cradle roll, for families with preschoolers, $5, 9 a.m., Temple Emanuel, Haggetts Pond Road; 470-1356.

Concert, Mozart's "Requiem", choir, chamber orchestras of Phillips Academy, Phillips Exeter, free, 3 p.m., Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy; 749-4995.

5-mile hike, sponsored by Andover Appalachian Mountain Club, 1:30 p.m., Weir Hill, North Andover, meet at TOR sign on Stevens Street, rain cancels; Art Olsen (978)374-0751 or <artolsenjr@att.net>.

Concert, The Royal Victorian Opera Company, 3 p.m., Memorial Hall Library; 623-8401.

Aquatic job fair, 1-4 p.m., Greater Lawrence Technical School, 57 River Road; Cindy Bernstein (978)372-6871.

Chanting workshop, led by Bhavani from the Kripalu Center, 7:30 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6 Locke St.; Susan Foster 470-1134.

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'The Jungle Book' to be performed by Doherty Middle School Drama Club

The Doherty Middle School Drama Club rehearses for their performance of Rudyard Kipling's *The Jungle Book* which is being staged tomorrow, Friday, March 30 and Saturday, March 31 at 7:30 p.m. at at the Doherty Middle School Auditorium. This is the story of Mowgli, a young boy who is raised by Wolves, befriended by a Panther and Bear, and threatened by a Tiger. The play is being put on by the Doherty Middle School, and includes cast members for the 6th-, 7th-, and 8th-grades. Organizers said that everyone has been having a lot of fun at rehearsals, and Drama Club members look forward to sharing the story with audiences of all ages. In this scene from *The Jungle Book*, the Monkeys are getting to know Mowgli. From left are Reena Patel, Eileen Murphy, Brianna Levy, Laura Vogler, Maria Parfinova, Lauren Keefe, Taylor Martel, Ryan Jennings, Merideth Alves, Courtney Martel, Sasha Roberge, and Kimberly Kerry. Adult admission is $6; student and senior admission is $4. Tickets may be purchased from any cast member, at the door the night of the performance, or by calling Doherty Middle School at 623-8750.

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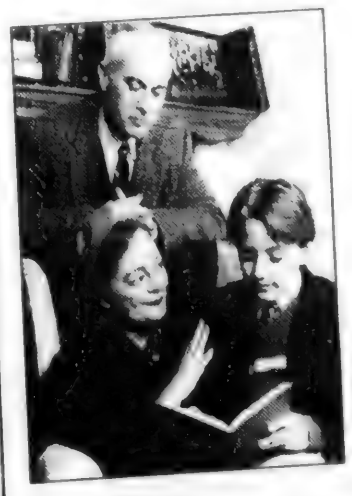

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EVENTS CALENDAR LISTINGS

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Jazz, The Greg Hopkins 16-piece band, $10, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Casa Vecchia, Rte. 97, Salem, N.H.; (603) 893-6553.

Video-multimedia presentation, 1 p.m., $6, $4 ages 10-14, Dracula's Castle, 90 Lafayette St., Salem; (978)777-2711.

MONDAY, APRIL 2

No events scheduled.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

"Anyone can grow orchids" discussion, with Martin Epstein, sponsored by Andover Garden Club, $5, Unitarian Universalist Church, Locke Street; Louise Ponti 475-5168.

Earth connection, contemporary Andover Artists Series with Carol Boileau, 7 p.m., free, donations welcome, Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St.; 475-2236.

Introduction to Siddha Yoga Meditation, free, 7:30-9 p.m., Siddha Yoga Meditation Center, 45 Whittier St., 475-0966.

Jazz, The Herb Pomeroy Quartet, 7:30-10:30 p.m., $5 cover, Casa Vecchia, Rte. 97, Salem, N.H.; (603) 893-6553.

Boating safety course, for 11-15-year-olds, a 6-week course, 7 p.m., Pentucket Regional Middle School, Rte. 113, East Newbury; (978)346-8408.

Symposium and performance workshop, focusing on 19th century New England entrepreneurial women, 3-6 p.m., free, American Textile History Museum, Lowell.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

"What parents can do to enhance healthy development in girls," with Dr. Catherine Steiner-Adair, sponsored by Parent to Parent, free, 7:30-9 p.m., West Middle School auditorium; Barbara Jezak 474-0387.

Sculptors discussion, with J. David Broudo, free, 7:30 p.m., Endicott College, Art Center Lecture Hall, 376 Hale St., Beverly; (978)232-2012.

Slide show by Ray Guillette, Merrimack Valley Camera Club, 7:15 p.m., Trinitarian Congregational Church, Elm Street, North Andover; 689-9643.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

Training day, for volunteers with 3rd-grade program, Andover in the 1820s, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St.; 475-2236.

College, career fair, 7-8:30 p.m., for students in grades 5-12, Tewksbury Memorial High School, Pleasant Street, Tewksbury; (978)640-7837.

Live comedy, 8 p.m., Boston Comedy Festival hosted by Dave Russo, call for prices, Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road, Andover; 687-2442.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6

Peggy Rambach

Andover author reading, Peggy Rambach reads from *Fighting Gravity*, 7 p.m., Andover Bookstore, 89R Main St.; (800)401-0143.

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◀ "The American Land: Selections from the Addison Gallery Collection" exhibit runs through April 8 at the Addison, on the Phillips Academy campus. At left is *Fox's Island, Georgetown, Maine* (1937) an oil painting by Marsden Hartley.

EVENTS CALENDAR LISTINGS

Healthy Kids Day, YMCA, 1-5 p.m., 165 Haverhill St.; 685-3541.

Livingston Taylor concert, $20-$100, 8 p.m., Emerson Umbrella, 40 Stow St., Concord; (978)371-1482.

Live comedy, 9:30 p.m., Frank Santorelli, Jim Colliton, Lamont Price, call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, Rte. 125, North Andover; (781) 938-8088.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

Senior recital, featuring pianist and composer Nicholas Morrison of Paris, France, free, 7:30 p.m., Graves Hall, Phillips Academy; 749-4263.

Passover seder, sponsored by Havurat Shalom, $5 person, $15 family, 5 p.m., Christ Church, 25 Central St.; 475-9583.

The Divine Plan, passion play by the New Life Players, free, 8 p.m., New Life Center, Breckenridge Plaza, North Broadway, Salem, N.H.; (603)894-6129.

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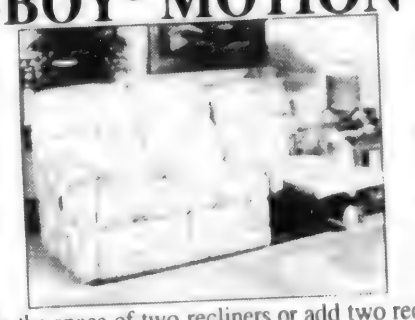

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Message in a Bottle

A year later, Andover girl's note reaches the shores of France

By Adam Groff

The residents of Sein Island off the coast of France learned last month that 9-year-old Marissa Risman of Durham Drive likes spaghetti. But they didn't get the message by phone, fax or e-mail.

Marissa stated her pasta preference in a letter that traveled 3,000 miles across the Atlantic Ocean in a plastic bottle. It landed on French shores in February, and caused the editor of the local newspaper to joke that "all is not lost" in the land of Big Macs.

The letter was all part of an exercise by Maryellen Florio's third-grade class at Sanborn Elementary School. About one year ago, 20 students wrote letters about themselves, laminated them, sealed them in plastic bottles, and had them cast into the ocean off the coast of Gloucester.

"I had heard they did it, but it wasn't a big thing," says Marissa's mother, Amy Risman. Then, last Wednesday, an envelope arrived at Sanborn, and in it was a letter from Pierre Portais, editor of *Mouez Enez Sun*, the Sein Island monthly newsletter. A copy of the newsletter was also included, with Marissa's letter on the front page, translated into French. Next to it was an article called "Bouteille a la mer" ("Bottle in the sea").

"Dear Marissa," begins Portais' letter. "The message you (threw) to the sea in a bottle sailed for more than 5,000 km! It was found on the 22nd of February on the coast of Sein Island, which is a very tiny island off the west coast of France. The pupils of this island will write you and I am sure they will tell you everything about our little rock surrounded by the ocean."

He goes on to explain that the languages spoken on the island are French and Breton, which he describes as "close to Welsh or Gaelic." The title of the newsletter, *Mouez Enez Sun*, is Breton for *The Voice of Sein Island*. The letter closes, "Best regards from France to all your school, pupils and teachers."

◀ **Gloucester fisherman Bill Brown throws the message in a bottle into the Gulfstream, starting Marissa Risman's message on its long transatlantic voyage.**

The Sanborn students got the idea for their experiment from classmate Katie O'Connell of Dorset Circle. She was on Cape Cod with her family earlier that year when she herself found a message in a bottle, this one from a boy on Martha's Vineyard.

"She wrote back to him, and he wrote to her again," explains Katie's father, Pat O'Connell. "She brought his letter into school for show-and-tell, and that's how they got the idea."

"I was presented with a very teachable moment," said Florio. "The third graders were just finishing up their "World Wisdom" unit in social studies, and writing a proper letter is a benchmark in grade three."

After writing and bottling their letters, the students decided to give them a real boost on their journey: O'Connell, who works in the petroleum business, got in touch with a Gloucester fisherman through one of his clients. The fisherman agreed to take the students' bottles out to sea with him. In fact, he took the bottles 50 miles out to sea, and deposited them right in the Gulfstream, the warm current running north from the Caribbean and turning toward Europe off the coast of Newfoundland.

"Hopefully, there'll be a lot more coming back," says O'Connell.

For now, the students at Sanborn can brush up on their French.

Photo by Tim Jean

Marissa Risman thought globally and acted locally with her message in a bottle, which made it all the way to the coast of France.

French newsletter editor responds to Marissa's letter

According to Pierre Portais, editor of the Sein Island newsletter, Marissa's bottle was found by a couple walking along the shoreline of a small coastal community. Here is some of what he had to say on page one, translated from French to English by Susan Devine of Andover:

'Her (Marissa's) letter traveled roughly 5,000 kilometers. (Andover is located thirty miles from the East coast of the United States.) There is no date but even if the Americans are always ahead of us in all the fads - especially those designed to soak up the greatest amount of our money! – the references to Pokémon and to Harry Potter lead one to believe that the letter is relatively recent. Marissa gives us some information that clears up any misconceptions we may have about the lifestyle of our neighbors across the sea! First off, like you and me and our own children, she has a father and a mother. In the home of genetically modified organisms and cloning, this is indeed good news! She likes her dog and eats not only hamburgers and Big Macs; she prefers spaghetti; all is not lost in the land of fast food! Finally, let's not put down the Internet and multimedia – every element of this paper took that route! However, that a young girl chose instead, in order to make some new friends in the world, the good old-fashioned method of a message in a bottle, and that children still dream and use their imaginations, that, too is reassuring…"

Marissa's letter

Dear ?

Hi! My name is Marissa Risman. What is your name? My favorite book is Harry Potter, my favorite animal is a dog and my favorite food is spaghetti. What are your favorites? I collect rocks, coins and Pokémon cards. What do you collect?

I have a 6-year-old brother; his name is Adam. I'm 8 years old and in third grade. The continent where I live is North America, the country is The United States and the state is Massachusetts.

Sincerely yours,
Marissa Risman
P.S. Please write back.

NEWS FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Here are some of the activities planned at the Andover Senior Center (note that advance sign-up is necessary for many of the programs):

Tax Preparation: Volunteers are on hand at the senior center to assist with the preparation of simplified tax forms. Appointments may be scheduled on Monday, Tuesday or Friday mornings from 9 to 11 a.m. Please call the center if you would like to arrange a time.

Parkinson's Support Group: The next meeting of the Parkinson's support group will take place on Monday, April 2 at 1:30 p.m. Anyone with an interest in Parkinson's is welcome to attend. Call Rachel Zalvan at the center for further information.

Get Acquainted Coffee: If you'd like more information about spring happenings at the senior center we invite you to drop in on Tuesday, April 3 at 9:30 a.m. for a get acquainted coffee. Information on classes, services, programs, trips and activities will be available.

Merrimack Repertory Discussion and Play: On Thursday, April 5 at 2 p.m., Michael Gepner from the Merrimack Repertory Theater will lead a discussion on the upcoming play *Visiting Mr. Green*. This is a delightful and touching play about two generations finding each other at the turn of the century. Copies of the play are available at the center. We also have great seats for the May 3 matinee, on sale at the center for $17.

Spring Craft and Bake Sale: The center's craft group will hold their spring sale on Friday, April 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The sale will feature spring decorations, seasonal crafts, Easter plants, and baked goods. Help us by spreading the word and dropping by to browse. We appreciate your support. Also, we are looking for bakers for the April 6 fair.

American Textile History Museum: The museum is sponsoring a very special exhibit entitled "The Quiet Work Of Women," which we will visit on Thursday, April 26. This historic exhibit contains more than 40 pieces of beautiful hand-woven mountain coverlets that were produced by 19th- and early 20th-century hand weavers from southern Appalachia. This is the first collection of its kind to be seen outside the artists' local communities. In addition, we will also enjoy a guided tour of the permanent exhibit, which received *Yankee Magazine's* Editor's Pick award for 2000. Cost of the trip is $18, which includes transportation, and reservations may be made by stopping into the center.

Spirituality Series: Our spirituality series will begin a new six week session, "A Tale To Tell: Sharing Wise Women's Wisdom" on Wednesday, April 11 at 1 p.m. This interactive group is open to all interested women at a cost of $10.

Movie Matinee: On Monday, April 9 at 1 p.m. we will show the recent release *Autumn in New York*. Winona Ryder and Richard Gere star in this bittersweet story of a May/December romance between a handsome, charming rogue and a free-spirited artist. Andover Video supports our Movie Matinee.

Watercolor Demonstration: Our visiting artist on Tuesday, April 10 will be Joan Rademacher, an award-winning artist, a member of many art associations and someone who has exhibited in various galleries and venues including the Copley Society and WGBH in Boston. She will be demonstrating a watercolor landscape on the above date at 9:30 a.m. Anyone interested in watching this artist at work is welcome to make a reservation to attend. Cost is $5.

Alzheimer's Support Group: The Alzheimer's support group will hold its next meeting at the center on Monday, April 9 at 7 p.m. Newcomers are welcome. Call Rachel Zalvan at the senior center.

Sunday Concert: On Sunday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m., the Andover Chamber Music Series will present its season finale, "Youth Golden Youth: Music From Around The World" at the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College. A generous benefactor has donated 30 complimentary tickets to the senior center. To attend the concert that evening, contact Pat Becker at the senior center.

Computer Interest Group: The computer interest group will hold its monthly meeting Monday, April 9 at 1:30 p.m. Anyone interested in sharing and exchanging information is welcome to attend. The meeting will take place in the first floor activity room of Memorial Hall Library. For further information, call Don Sagaser at 475-6116.

Computer Classes: Registration for the spring semester of computer classes will take place at the center on Thursday, April 12 at 1:30 p.m. We will offer classes for beginners, intermediates, and those interested in Internet training. Our classes are all limited to six students and fill up quickly.

Brown Bag Lecture: On Wednesday, April 11 at noon we'll enjoy a visit from Fran McCormick and other members of the Bartlet Street Poets, who will share some of their work with us in honor of National Poetry Month. Bring along your favorite poem to share if you wish. Reservations ($2) are necessary. Call the center to attend.

Supper Club: Our next supper club will take us to the Focaccia Restaurant on Wednesday, April 18 at 5 p.m. We have five great entrees to choose from at an inclusive price of $15. Everyone is welcome to attend these monthly evenings out. Stop into the center if you'd like to make a reservation.

Creative Cooking: Our creative cooking group also welcomes new and interested folks who would like to join in. The next class will be held Wednesday, April 18 at 9 a.m. Cost is $6, which includes lunch at the end of class. We'll be trying out new and interesting spring salads this month. Call the center if you would like to give this group a try.

Senior $1,000 Club: Last month's winners were Ralph Manning $1,000; Margaret Dugal $100; Pat Dennis, Jim Fox, Betty Murray and Stephen O'Neil. Agent award winners were Edna Powell and Shirley Rosenberg.

Friday Forum: Fund-raising update

Bob Zollner, new chair of the fundraising committee for the Friends of the Andover Senior Center Inc., will update interested members of the community on fund-raising efforts for the new center tomorrow, Friday, March 30 at 9:30 a.m.

Also speaking will be Richard Bowen, who will present information on the warrant article for Town Meeting asking that Town Meeting match fundraising efforts dollar for dollar, up to $2 million dollars, for the new center at Williams Hall. All Andover seniors are encouraged to attend.

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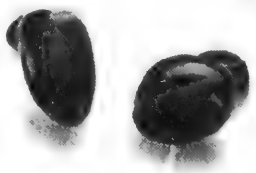

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Sager Voege Floria

Sager Voege Floria turns 1 year old this Saturday, March 31. He is the son of Mark and Maryellen Florio of Fosters Pond Road. Grandparents are Jon and Helene Florio of Holyoke and Gerard and Jo Voege of Katonah, N.Y. Sager loves to go snowshoeing with his mom and dad. His energy and smile are contagious. Sager also enjoys playing with his friend, Berkley.

Joshua Haruki Combs

Joshua Haruki Combs celebrated his first birthday on March 14. He is the son of Nathan and Rachel Combs of Juniper Road. Grandparents are Dennis and Sarah Spratt of Bristol, England, and Burton and Machiko Combs of California. Joshua has a big sister, Sophie, 5, and a big brother, Daniel, 2. He loves noise and the louder the better. Saucepans and lids are his favorite noisemakers.

Danielle Marie Major

Danielle Marie Major turned 1 on March 20. She is the daughter of Selectman Brian and Margaret (Gemmell) Major of Andover. Grandparents are Anne and Peter Schwind of Andover and Norm and Brenda Major of Plaistow, N.H. Great-grandparents are Consuelo Rees of Lafayette, La., Eveline Major of Keene, N.H., and Robert and MaryJane Eastman of Port St. Lucie, Fla. Danielle is a very happy little girl. Her big sister, Rachel, is 3.

Savannah Hope Gillis

Savannah Hope Gillis celebrated her first birthday yesterday, March 28. She is the daughter of Michael and Stacy Gillis of Hazelwood Circle. Grandparents are Julie and Steven Cohen of Marlboro. Savannah loves to play with her three big sisters, Shannon, 17, Sarah, 7, and Sydney, 5. And, she loves to pull her kitty's tail and listen to music.

Thomas Augustine Sullivan

Thomas Augustine Sullivan celebrated his first birthday on March 16. He is the son of Diane Rosemary and Mark David Sullivan of Sagamore Drive. Thomas is one of 11 cousins and the youngest grandchild of Anna Sullivan of Lawrence. He took his first steps just three days before his birthday. He loves chicken nuggets, and most of all, his big sister, Sam.

Brian Joseph Flanagan

Brian Joseph Flanagan turned 1 year old on March 9. He is the son of Beth and Bill Flanagan of North Andover. Grandparents are Dan and Lorraine Sullivan of Andover and Jim Flanagan of Waltham. Great-grandparents are Elizabeth Rabbitt of Andover and Stella Sullivan of Dorchester. Brian has two loving aunts in Andover, Julie and Kristen Sullivan, and his siblings are Meaghan, 6, and Michael, 3.

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Happy 1st Birthday policy

▶ Babies celebrating their first birthdays, affiliated with Andover, may have their pictures in the *Townsman* free. They will normally appear in the issue dated *the last Thursday of the month*, in the month of baby's first birthday. All babies having an April 2001 first birthday will be published in the April 26 issue. All photos must be received by 5 p.m. Friday, April 20 (*see box below*). The *Townsman* publishes Births on the first Thursday of the month.

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Dec. 27	Dec. 21

Lauren McDowell

Lauren McDowell celebrated her first birthday in March. She is the daughter of Jane and Stuart McDowell of 1 Dairy Lane. Lauren likes to sing, dance, throw food, chase her sister, Emily, and laugh. She is a Red Sox fan and also an LSU Tiger fan.

Caroline Victoria Graham

Caroline Victoria Graham celebrated her first birthday on March 10. She is the daughter of John and Sheila Graham of Aspen Circle. Grandparents are Frances and Jack Graham of North Andover and Carol and Michael Connor of Marietta, Ga. Caroline has a big brother, Nicholas, 3.

Alex Ciccia

Alex Ciccia turned 1 year old on March 7. He is the son of Michael and Allyson Ciccia of Pine Street. Big brother is Nico, who will be 3 next month.

Meredith Grace Hunt

Meredith Grace Hunt celebrated her first birthday on March 4. She is the daughter of Ed and Nancy Hunt of Somerset Drive. She is a happy baby who likes the attention of her brothers and sisters, Ed, Amelia, Bethany, Benjamin, and Jeffrey.

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SOCIAL NOTEBOOK

Andover Garden Club hosts talk: 'Anyone Can Grow Orchids'

The subject of Andover Garden Club's April meeting will be the cultivation of orchids, with speaker Martin Epstein, a resident of Andover. His program is entitled "Anyone Can Grow Orchids."

The meeting, open to both members and nonmembers, will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover, 6 Locke St, on Tuesday, April 3.

The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. with social time and a brief business meeting, and will run for approximately two hours. The nonmember admission fee of $5 includes coffee, tea, and refreshments.

Martin Epstein and his wife Marcia began growing orchids in the 1950s when they were living in New Jersey. The purchase of two plants led to an "orchid infection" of a hundred plants and a greenhouse. The couple's subsequent residential moves have all entailed building a greenhouse to continue their hobby. Martin Epstein tends the plants, and Marcia Epstein paints them. They have received many awards in orchid shows.

Now in its 73rd year, the Andover Garden Club is a charitable organization that encourages the study and practice of horticulture, landscape design, and flower design; aids in the beautification of the town of Andover; and helps protect and conserve natural resources. The club provides both financial and hands-on support to a variety of municipal, educational, and environmental organizations throughout the region.

Information about joining the Andover Garden Club is available from AGC membership cochair Louise Ponti at (978) 475-5168 or jtponti@aol.com.

Wendy Gosse, a volunteer from Heifer Project International, visited Christ Church recently.

Lenten Project at Christ Church helps hungry families around the world

Wendy Gosse, a volunteer from Heifer Project International, visited Christ Church in Andover on Sunday, March 11. Christ Church has chosen Heifer as their Lenten Project this year.

Heifer is a non-profit organization that works in partnership with congregations, civic groups and other organizations to help impoverished people throughout the world. HPI sends 20 different kinds of animals to projects in the US and other countries. For hungry families in many parts of the world, the gift of a farm animal is an important step toward their becoming self-reliant for food and income. Heifer Project animals offer families a way to feed themselves and care for the earth.

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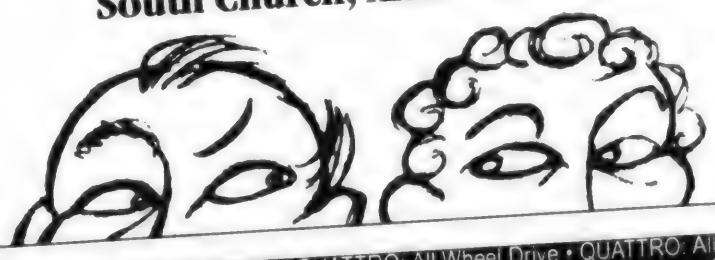

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OBITUARIES

Beatrice H. Henderson

Senior member of South Church

Beatrice H. Henderson, 93, of Andover, died Monday, March 26 at the Prescott House in North Andover.

Born in Andover, she grew up on Red Spring Road in Andover. A lifelong resident of Andover, she graduated from Punchard High School in 1926.

Ms. Henderson was a member of South Church, and had the longest tenure of membership at the church. She was a member of Andover Chapter 187, Order of Eastern Star.

Members of her family include her sister-in-law, Edna Henderson of Salem, N.H.; two nieces; one nephew; and dear friend, John Connelly of Andover.

Arrangements were by Charles Dewhirst, Edgerley & Bessom Funeral Home, 33 Pearson St.

Belinda Mortimer

Owned and operated a mink ranch here for several years

Belinda (Peard) Mortimer, 90, of Jenkins Road, died Friday, March 23 at Hannah Duston Nursing Home in Haverhill.

Born and educated in Wakefield, she graduated from Wakefield High School.

Mrs. Mortimer worked for John Hancock Insurance Co. in Boston for several years.

She was a member of Free Christian Church and served as deaconess. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star in Andover, North Reading Grange and the Farm Bureau Association.

Mrs. Mortimer and her husband owned and operated a mink ranch in Andover for several years. She was also active in the Fruit Growers Association and the Bee Keepers of Essex County.

She was the widow of A. Reginald Mortimer.

Members of her family include her daughter, Barbara Mortimer Peterson of Haverhill; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was also mother of the late Joan Mortimer Raza.

Arrangements were by Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St.

Memorial contributions may be made to Free Christian Church, 31 Elm St., Andover, 01810.

Barbara Stamas

Member of St. Augustine Church

Barbara (Ryan) Stamas, 68, of Virginia Road, died Thursday, March 22 at Lawrence General Hospital.

Born in Pittsfield, she graduated from St. Joseph's High School in Pittsfield in 1950 and from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst in 1954.

She was a member of St. Augustine Church.

Members of her family include her husband, James T. Stamas; sons and daughters-in-law T.J. and Kimberly Stamas, and James D. and Susan Stamas, all of Andover; daughter and son-in-law, Kathleen and Alexander Pratt of North Andover; brother Thomas Ryan of Champagne, Ill.; and five grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St.

Memorial contributions may be made to ALS Research Fund, Day Laboratory, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA 02114.

Dorothy M. Coates

Enjoyed her family, reading and traveling

Dorothy M. (Gee) Coates, 69, of Andover, died Thursday, March 22 at Lawrence General Hospital.

Born in Cambridge, Mrs. Coates worked at Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. for 15 years as a claim supervisor. An avid reader, she enjoyed traveling and spending quality time with her family and grandchildren.

Members of her family include her husband, Howard M. Coates; a daughter, Janet M. Coates of Dracut; sons, H. Myles and wife Martha J. Coates of Methuen, and Steven M. Coates of Andover; sister, Lorraine Sidabras of Cambridge; brother, Paul Mandakas of Malden; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by Pollard Funeral Home, 233 Lawrence St., Methuen.

Memorial contriubtions may be made to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

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Bobby D. Snow, 67
Barbara Stamas, 68

Deaths Elsewhere

BEEDE – Lois R. (Galeucia) Beede of Lynnfield, died Friday, March 23 at the Shaughnessy-Kaplan Rehabilitation Hospital.

Members of her family include her son, Richard E. Beede of Andover.

HOULE – Edward E. Houle Jr., 70, of Atkinson, N.H. died Monday, March 26 at VA Hospital in Manchester, N.H.

Mr. Houle was an electronics engineer for Raytheon Co. in Andover for 35 years.

SNOW – Bobby D. Snow, 67, of Atkinson, N.H. died suddenly on Saturday, March 24 at the Parkland Medical Center in Derry, N.H.

Mr. Snow was employed by Raytheon in Andover for many years.

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OBITUARIES

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Ruth E. Cousins

Worked in the accounting office at Waltham Hospital for 30 years

Ruth E. (Erbe) Cousins, 92, of Andover, died Thursday, March 22 at Lawrence General Hospital.

Born and educated in Waltham, Mrs. Cousins graduated from Chandler Business School in Boston. For 30 years she worked in the accounting office at Waltham Hospital.

Mrs. Cousins was a member of the Sunshine Club of Littleton Baptist Church and Waltham Women's Club. She was active with events and fundraisers for several area charities.

She was the widow of A. Raymond Cousins, and members of her family include her daughter, Barbara Calandrello of Andover; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and one nephew.

Arrangements were by Charles Dewhirst Edgerley & Bessom Funeral Home, 33 Pearson St.

Frank M. Pierro Jr.

Worked since 1978 as a property manager at Raytheon

Frank M. Pierro Jr., 42, of Andover, died Thursday, March 22 at Saints Memorial Hospital in Lowell.

Born in Lawrence and educated in Andover, Mr. Pierro attended University of Massachusetts-Lowell. He worked as a property manager at Raytheon in Tewksbury since 1978.

Mr. Pierro was a member of St. Robert Bellarmine Parish. A Cub Scout and Boy Scout leader, he coached in Andover Little League, and served as assistant coach in girls softball and boys basketball in Andover's after-school program.

Members of his family include his wife, Colleen (Dowling) Pierro; son, Frank M. Pierro III of Andover; daughter, Christina M. Pierro of Andover; his parents, Frank M. Sr. and his wife Claire (Grassi) of Andover; sister, Patricia Lanza of Andover; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Arrangements were by Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Frank and Christina Pierro Education Fund, c/o First Essex Bank, Box 1000, Lawrence, MA 01842.

Alice A. Poulin

Longtime resident was a lunchroom supervisor in Andover schools

Alice A. (Cyr) Poulin, 82, of Andover, died Wednesday, March 21 at Holy Family Hospital in Methuen.

A lifelong resident of greater Lawrence, Mrs. Poulin was raised and educated in Lawrence. She worked as a lunchroom supervisor in Andover schools for several years, and enjoyed being a homemaker. She lived in Andover for 49 years.

Mrs. Poulin was a parishioner of St. Augustine Parish and was active in the St. Augustine School Guild. She was a member of the Catholic Daughters.

She was the widow of Donald J. Poulin, to whom she was married for 53 years, and family members include her son, Dennis D. and wife Beverly Poulin of Hollis, N.H.; daughter, Sharon Poulin of Andover; brother, Paul H. of Lawrence; sisters, Lucille Lehnert of Andover, Muriel E. Valliere of Lawrence, and Claire Zimmer of Norway, Maine; four grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Arrangements were by Charles F. Dewhirst, Edgerley & Bessom Funeral Home, 33 Pearson St.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

SOCIAL NOTEBOOK

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For more information on Heifer, call (800) 422-0474.

Merrimack Valley YMCA hosts Healthy Kids' Day

On Saturday, April 7, the Merrimack Valley YMCA calls special attention to the importance of children's safe, healthy development with a Healthy Kids' Day. A special day of family learning and fun is planned at this 7th annual event.

Events are planned from 1 to 5 p.m. at 165 Haverhill St., Andover, and the Lawrence branch at 40 Lawrence St. Healthy Kids' Day is free and open to the public. Events include swimming, family aerobics, soccer, rock climbing, obstacle courses, basketball face painting, a health fair and healthy snacks.

Call 686-6190 for more information.

Photography exhibit by Wau to highlight Benefit Art Auction

The Benefit Art Auction, sponsored by the Friends of Memorial Hall Library will take place tomorrow, Friday, March 30, 7 p.m. at the Library.

An array of art including watercolors, porcelain, oils and photography showcasing local artists will be sold. A photography exhibit by the late Frank Wau will be highlighted. Wau was from Canton, China. As child, a Brownie box camera was a birthday gift that sparked his interest in photography. After college, he won awards in China and in Hong Kong. When he came to this country, he continued taking pictures. He was employed by Western Electric, AT&T in North Andover for 15 years. He spent his free time and vacations traveling throughout the United States photographing nature as he saw it. The autumn foliage of New England and the majestic beauty of our National Parks were among his favorite subjects. He had many prize winning photos in the *Eagle Tribune* and AT&T photo contests. Photography was his love. He died in 1995.

Admission is $10 per person and includes wine and hot and cold hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are available at the library circulation desk, Andover Bookstore, Carriage House Photography, Limoge Antiques and at the door.

Bidding begins at 8 p.m.

For more information, call Memorial Hall Library at 623-8400.

RELIGION NEWS

The Sunday, April 1 service at the **Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover** is entitled "Heartsongs to God." Led by **Bhavani Lorraine Nelson**, the service will focus on chanting, specifically Sanskrit chanting, as a way of making contact with the divine.

Bhavani Lorraine Nelson

For the past 13 years, Nelson has been based at Kripalu Center in Lenox, where she leads chanting and sounding experiences as well as other Kripalu programs. She also offers workshops in stress management.

The service will be at 10:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6 Locke St. Call 475-4454 for more information.

In addition, the adult education committee of the **Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover** is sponsoring a chanting workshop with drumming on Sunday, April 1 at 7:30 p.m.

The workshop will be led by **Bhavani Lorraine Nelson** from the Kripalu Center. She will draw chants from a variety of religious traditions, including Christian, Jewish, Hindu, and Buddhist.

She has traveled extensively, presenting her workshop.

The event will be held at the church, located at 6 Locke St.

For more information, call **Susan Foster** at 470-1134.

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Havurat Shalom, a reconstructionist Jewish congregation, will hold a Havdalah service on Saturday, March 31, at 6:30 p.m. The service will take place at **Christ Church**, 25 Central St.

Rabbi Karen Landy will lead the service. Following the service there will be a discussion. A light supper of pizza and beverages will be provided, for which a donation of $5 per family is requested.

Also, Havurat Shalom will hold a Passover seder on Saturday, April 7, beginning at 5 p.m. The seder will take place at **Christ Church**, 25 Central St.

Reservations are required and should be made by April 2.

Call 475-9583 for more information, to make reservations and for coordination of the food.

A contribution of $5 per person or $15 per family is suggested for non-members.

Havurat Shalom is a community of families committed to providing a Jewish identity and education for its members, in a manner that is relevant to our contemporary lives. Havurat Shalom extends a welcome to single parents, those without children, families of mixed heritage and families who have been or are members of any other Jewish congregation or have not recently practiced Judaism.

Havurat Shalom can be reached at 978-475-2857.

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The Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation's Women's Division and the Sisterhoods of **Temple Emanuel** and **Congregation Tifereth Israel** of Andover; **Temple Beth El** and **Temple Emanuel of the Merrimack Valley** of Lowell; **Temple Emanuel** of Haverhill; and the **Greater Lawrence Chapter of Hadassah**, will present the first Women's Community Intergenerational Passover Seder in the Merrimack Valley.

The seder service and program will take place tonight, Thursday, March 29 at 6 at Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road.

Organizers say this is the first of its kind in the greater Andover community. This Passover seder is designed with an emphasis on the important roles Jewish women have played in historical and social accomplishments. It is an evening for and about women. Jewish women, friends, sisters, mothers, and their daughter, ages 10 and up, are invited to attend.

The program will be conducted by **Debbie Coltin**. Music will be by **Rhea Simon Skoler**. A Passover Haggadah will be used during the evening. The event features traditional Passover songs and Israeli dancing, as well as active participation in the Passover seder service, either through responsive readings or participating in the traditional Hebraic blessings over the Passover seder plate.

The cost is $36 per adult and $18 per child, between ages 10-18. Included in the cost will be a either a glatt kosher chicken or vegetarian dinner, Haggadah and Seder materials.

Participants were encouraged to register early. Call **Michelle Soll** or **Jan Brodie** at 688-0466 to register.

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Cradle Roll is a celebration and learning experience for Jewish families. **Temple Emanuel of Andover**, under the direction of the Nursery School, offers a hands-on workshop focusing on the celebration of Passover for 3-, 4-, and 5-year-olds and their parents on Sunday, April 1 at 9 a.m. in the school wing. This fun-filled hour will include craft projects, story-telling, singing, and a snack. The cost is $5. To reserve a space, call the Temple at 470-1356. Drop-ins will not be accommodated.

Business

Business briefs...

Local residents named to Easter Seals campaign

Arthur Santos, vice president of Danvers Savings Bank of Andover, is chairing the Merrimack Valley 2001 Easter Seals Campaign for Independence, according to Easter Seals Campaign Chairman Philip A. Lemere.

Working with Santos to raise money to fund Easter Seals services are Andover residents, Kim Carpenter and Fredrick Hansberry, of Eastern Casualty Insurance Co.

Easter Seals services include technology for independence, physical andoccupational therapy, adapted swim programs, summer camp, speech therapy, support groups for people recovering form strokes, job training and employment and after-school programs.

I-93 business expo

Organizers are encouraging businesses along Interstate 93 to take part in the largest business trade show in the Boston-North area. The I-93 Business Expo is set for Thursday, April 5, at the Shriners Auditorium in Wilmington. For more information, call the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce at (978) 657-7211 or visit its Web site at <www.wilmingtonbusiness.com>.

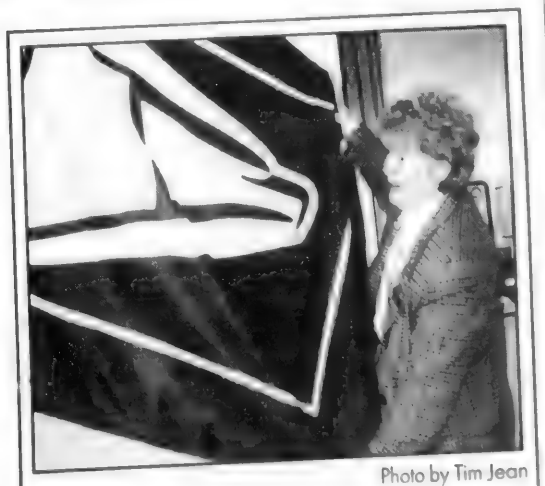

Photo by Tim Jean

Proud postal employee — Kathleen Connors, of 2 Embassy Lane, Andover, a training technician at the U.S. Postal Service's Middlesex-Central District Office, North Reading, views the special "Order of the Yellow Jersey" (OYJ) flag earned by district postal employees for exemplary customer service. The OYJ refers to the yellow jersey worn by Lance Armstrong of the USPS Pro-Cycling Team, two-time winner of the Tour de France. The Middlesex-Central District, which includes the Andover Post Office, gained the national award on the basis of superior service levels in three key elements of customer satisfaction measurement data: accuracy of delivery, consistency of delivery and professionalism in serving customers.

Faxes, cellular phones lead to new 10-digit dialing system

Making a call? Dial 10 for next door

By Adam Groff

For Marty Epstein of Candlewood Drive, the upcoming switch to 10 digits for local telephone calls is just one more change among many he's seen in his 73 years.

"I remember talking to the operator," says Epstein. "In 1960 we moved to a place called Warren Township in New Jersey. In Warren Township, we did not have dial service. You picked up the phone and told the operator the phone number and they would connect you."

When they finally got dial service, Epstein said his monthly phone bill went from $4 to $15. Now he is seeing one more change, but not in his rates: beginning Monday, residents and businesses in eastern Massachusetts will have to dial the area code plus the regular seven-digit number to place local calls. Dialing only seven digits will get you a telephone-company recording.

The reason for this is that phone numbers in the state are being gobbled up by cell phones, pagers, fax machines, and, simply, more regular phone lines.

"I have a cell phone and my husband has a cell phone," says Eleanor Sathan, a reference librarian at Memorial Hall Library. "With our home number, that's three numbers for two people. Our daughter has a home number, a business number, a cell phone, and a fax number. Altogether, that's seven numbers for three people."

To meet this demand for new numbers, area codes are not being subdivided, as was done just a few years ago, in 1997. Instead, four new area codes are being laid over the top of the four existing area codes in eastern Massachusetts. No existing numbers will change, nor will local and long distance charges; but, starting in May, new numbers in the current 978 area-code area may begin with an area code of 351. This is what necessitates the use of all 10 numbers when dialing locally.

Sathan can remember a few previous changes herself.

"I remember in 1971 when I first moved to North Andover, you only had to remember 5 numbers," she says. According to Sathan, all the phone numbers in North Andover, West Andover, Lawrence and Methuen began with 68, and only the last five digits varied.

Town Moderator Jim Doherty, like Epstein, remembers the time before direct-dialing.

"The Andover switchboard was located in the second floor of the Musgrove Building," says Doherty, referring to 2 Elm Square. He estimates there were 12 to 15 operators altogether, working shifts 24 hours per day, seven days per week. "You'd pick up the phone and wait for the operator to say, 'Number please,' and you'd give them the number, and they'd connect you, and you'd be in business."

Thus, change is nothing new to Doherty.

"I guess if we have to do it, we have to do it, and that's all there is to it," he says. "If we want to have all these cell phones and so forth, we need more numbers."

Oscar Rosenberg of Railroad Street agrees. "It won't bother me" he said. "I'm 81 now. I'm used to changes. I've seen a lot of them. If I'm not mistaken, I don't think we even had a telephone when I was growing up."

But for those who spend much of their day on the phone, the change will take some adjustment. "As long as they don't change it again," said Roz Bajek, a receptionist at Doherty Insurance Agency on Elm Square. "I don't happen to have any numbers set in my speed dialer, but some of the other girls do, and it may be a pain for them."

"It's an inconvenience I'll just have to get used to," said John Gregorio, financial advisor at Allied American Insurance Agency on Main Street. "I'll have to switch over the numbers in my cell phone – that'll be a bit of a nuisance."

Photo by Tim Jean

Quick draw — Business workers and residents will be dialing a lot more numbers per day, as of Monday, April 2.

25-year anniversary

Rolling back the menu at Lantern Brunch

How about bacon and eggs for less than $3 and a cup of coffee for 50 cents?

The menu prices will be rolled back 25 years at Lantern Brunch Inc. on Monday, April 2 as the owners celebrate 25 years of business in downtown Andover.

"We hope our customers will come on April 2 so we can thank them for their patronage," said owner George Dukas. "It's been our pleasure to serve the Andover community for so long."

He and wife Patricia Dukas have been operating the family restaurant at 89 Main St. since 1976 and wanted to do something special for customers in honor of their silver anniversary.

Dukas said a key to the restaurant's success stems from the hard work of his parents, the late James and Angela Dukas.

"Their hard work made our family business a success," he said.

In addition, dedicated workers also help to make the restaurant a popular spot. Dukas said Patti Vemis and Carol White have been working there for over 15 years.

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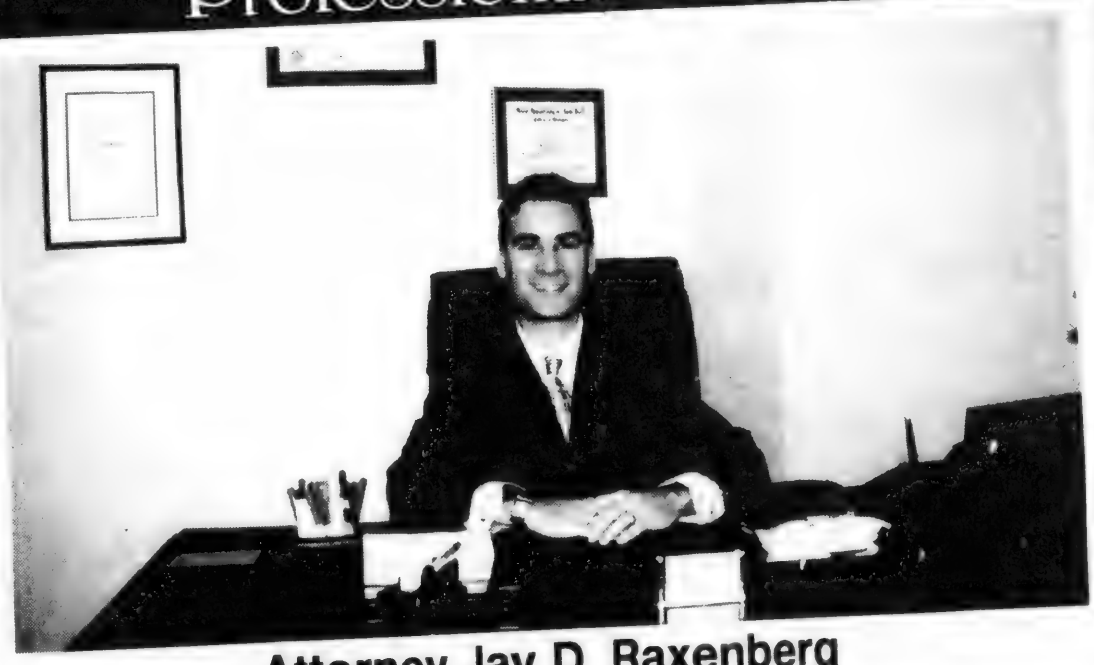

Attorney Jay D. Raxenberg

Attorney Jay D. Raxenberg is a general practice attorney, specializing in domestic relations. The areas of family law in which he concentrates include divorce, custody, restraining orders, child support, alimony, visitation, abuse and protection orders, prenuptial agreements, paternity, Department of Revenue grievances, modifications, and grandparents' visitation.

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Attorney Raxenberg is also of counsel to the law firm of Boudreau, Mitchell & Davis, who specialize in bankruptcy law.

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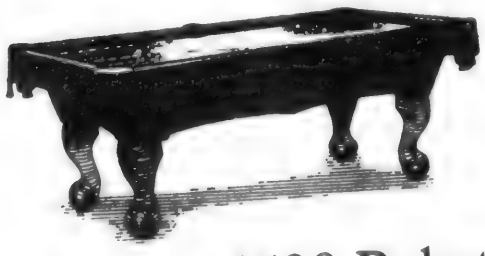

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POLICE LOG

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washed away by the river. Police notified Amtrak.

At 11:33 a.m., a caller reported that a trucker had been threatened at the Supervalue a couple of days ago.

At 5:08 p.m., a caller reported that the banking on the side of Red Spring Road was collapsing due to flood waters.

At 10:23 p.m., a Chandler Road resident reported that a vehicle drove by his house and a person threw something through his window.

Monday, March 26 – At 3:59 p.m., a Salem Street resident reported that someone had thrown trash on his lawn.

Tuesday, March 27 – At 10:42 a.m., an ambulance transported a suicidal female to a hospital.

BREAKS

Monday, March 26 – At 12:53 p.m., a caller from Cormier Construction reported a break-in at the construction site on Cormier Way.

THEFTS

Wednesday, March 21 – At 5:40 p.m., a College Circle resident reported that some items had been stolen from her home.

At 6 p.m., a Town Offices employee reported that someone had paid a fee with a bad check.

Saturday, March 24 – At 12:34 p.m., an employee at the Ramada Rolling Green Hotel reported the theft of more than one purse.

Tuesday, March 27 – At 7:13 p.m., an employee at the North Main Street Mobil gas station reported that a vehicle drove off without paying for its gas.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Wednesday, March 21 – At 1:15 p.m., an employee at Tensoliteon Frontage Road reported a vehicle break-in.

At 4:54 p.m., a resident reported that another car had chased her on River Road and threw something at her car.

Thursday, March 22 – At 3:39 p.m., police sent an Andover Livery vehicle to pick up an elderly couple that had driven into the middle of a puddle on South Main Street and got stuck. Their vehicle was towed away.

At 5:53 p.m., police helped the fire department put out a car fire on Lowell Street. The vehicle was towed away and no one was injured.

At 7:56 p.m., a caller reported that many vehicles were hitting a pothole on Haverhill Street. An officer put a cone in the hole to warn drivers away from it.

Friday, March 23 – At 9:33 a.m., a Shattuck Road resident reported that a fog light had been stolen off his vehicle the previous night.

Saturday, March 24 – At 10:33 p.m., a caller reported that his vehicle was stuck in the mud on Union Street. Police called a towing company to pull the vehicle out.

Sunday, March 25 – At 7:47 p.m., an officer reported that a pot hole on North Street had gotten larger, and three vehicles were damaged when they hit it. The hole was filled in.

At 11:19 p.m., a Phaeton Circle resident reported that her car had been stolen. She called

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CVS - 350 Winthrop Ave.
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Richdale - 533 Chickering Rd.
Richdale - 4 Main St.
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Super Stop & Shop - 757 Turnpike St.
Star Market - 109 Main St.
The General Store - 7 Johnson St.
The Vineyard - 550 Turnpike St.

BOXFORD
The Village Store - 561 Main St.

SOUTH LAWRENCE
Gary's Variety - 58 Beacon St.
Julie & Wendy's - 525 South Broadway

MIDDLETON
Market Basket - 230 S. Main St.
Richdale - 27 S. Main St.

METHUEN
Galloway's - 176 Pelham St.
Market Basket - 70 Pleasant Valley St.
Richdale - 76 Swan St.
White Hen Pantry - 319 Merrimack St.
Super Stop & Shop - Pleasant Valley St.

NORTH READING
Brooks - 265 Main St.
Citgo Quik Mart - 237 Main St.
Convenience Plus - Main St.
CVS - 20 Main St.
Kappy's Liquors - 265 Main St.
Lil' Peach - 202 North St.
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Star Market - 265 Main St.
Super Stop & Shop - 97 Main St.

TEWKSBURY
Crystal's General Store - 1120 Main St.
CVS - 10 Main St.
CVS - 1900 Main St. (Oakdale Mall)
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Sports

Pitching depth could hold the key to Warriors' baseball season

By Rick Harrison

The Townsman begins previews of Andover High varsity sports teams for the 2001 spring season today with looks at the baseball, softball, boys volleyball, boys lacrosse, girls track and boys track teams.

BASEBALL

Look for the Andover High varsity baseball team to make some noise in the Merrimack Valley Conference this spring.

The Golden Warriors could return to the familiar confines of first place in Division 1 if the impressive 1-2 pitching punch of Kevin Shepard and Jeff Volinski stays healthy.

The two senior lefthanders and team captains appear to hold the biggest keys to the Golden Warriors' success.

Shepard, who also plays outfield and first base, was 3-1 as a sophomore and last year pitched better than his record.

Volinski led the team in victories last spring, finishing 7-2 with a 1.60 ERA, and both hurlers were also instrumental in the Andover Post 8 American Legion's run to a State Tournament berth last summer.

"Our pitching depth is excellent," said ninth-year head coach Ken Maglio. "Last year we went with a lot of young kids. They worked hard and this year it should pay off.

"Our other major strengths are team speed and a strong winning tradition," added Maglio.

The Golden Warriors were 12-11 overall in 2000, with five of the losses by one run.

They had a nice Division 1 North Tournament run, clubbing Methuen 12-5 and ousting West Roxbury 6-3 before dropping a tough 2-1 decision to Dual County League champ Boston Latin.

"We may play the toughest schedule in the state," said Maglio. "In addition to the league games we're playing Peabody and Revere twice each, New Bedford, Brockton and Norton.

New Bedford and Brockton will be opponents in the second annual Showcase Showdown between Merrimack Valley Conference and Big Three Conference powers.

This year Andover, which hosted the inaugural event at Peter Aumais Field last spring, and Chelmsford will travel to Paul Walsh Field in New Bedford for morning and afternoon games on Saturday, April 14.

Andover plays New Bedford at 11 a.m. and Brockton at approximately 2:30 p.m.

"It's a terrific event and outstanding competition for our kids," said Maglio, whose team was nipped 7-5 by New Bedford and then rocked by Brockton 26-0 (AHS had no pitchers left) last April.

"The Norton coach said he may have the best team the state has seen in 20 years," said Maglio. "They must have a great pitcher — or two — so they called us and asked for a game. It should be interesting."

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Key graduates from last year were Sean Lawton (now attending Merrimack College), Chris King (UMass Amherst), Dave Powers

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LOCAL ATHLETES

Pedro's Judo Club members include Andover junior team members (front row, from left) SharonYacubowicz, Crosby Nicholson, and Akira Sembonmatsu. Back row, from left: Torey Nicholson, coach Jimmy Pedro, and Shirley Yacubowicz.

Photo by Frank J. Leone Jr.

St. A's fifth-grade girls win basketball championship — St. Augustine's fifth-grade girls basketball team defeated Mt. Carmel, 38-16, in the MVCBA championship game. The team of 15 girls had a season record of 9-2. Coaches Tom Alaimo and Rick Blain were especially proud of the team's defense. Showing off their trophies are (rear row from left): Devon White, Christine Blain, Bridget Sheehy, Nicole Tiny, Kristina Harris, Rebecca Zinsmeister and head coach Tom Alaimo of Andover. Front row (from left): Rachel Wetmore, Valerie Rand, Erica Leber, Chessie Leone, Meghan Thoman, Emily Alaimo and Stephanie Halks. (Absent Makenzie Mulcahy and Rick Blain, assistant coach.)

Judo winners hail from Andover

The Massachusetts State Judo Championship was held Sunday, March 4, at Shawsheen Technical High School in Billerica. The event, hosted for a second year by Pedro's Judo Club of North Andover, has become a major regional draw for judo competitors. Judo players from Massachusetts, who were vying for the chance to compete nationally, were joined by judo players from New Hampshire, Maine, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, and Illinois.

In addition to more than 200 registered competitors, three Olympians were on hand for the tournament. They were: Jimmy Pedro of Lawrence, owner of Pedro's Judo Club and 3-time Olympian and bronze medalist; 2000 Olympian Alex Ottiano, a Connecticut judo player who currently resides in Lawrence to train with Pedro; and 4-time Olympian and silver medalist Jason Morris from New York.

Members of Pedro's Judo Club who were honored as Massachusetts State Champions with first place trophies were Shirley Yacubowicz of Andover, Grando Dolcimar of Lowell, Clare Sullivan of Hyde Park, and Cody Byrd of Londonderry, N.H. Second place trophies went to John Sughrue of Methuen, Rick Silk of Methuen, Colin Lahiff of Haverhill, Michael Procopio of Middleton, Dmitri Paysalchov of Lexington, and Bryanna Sullivan of Medford. Third place trophies went to Sharon Yacubowicz of Andover, Torey Nicholson of Andover, Mike Bemieri of Andover, Katelyn Lawrence of Middleton, Robert Sullivan of Medford, and George Pessimissis of Worcester.

The junior boys' team from Pedro's fought a hard battle against Starett Judo Club from New York City to win first place in the team competition. Team judo players were Andover residents Crosby Nicholson, Torey Nicholson, and Martin Gottesfeld, Methuen residents Rick Silk and John Sughrue, Londonderry, N.H. resident Cody Byrd, and Medford resident Robert Sullivan.

Upcoming competitions for Pedro's Judo team include the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia, the AmCans in Buffalo, and the Bay State Games.

AHS PREVIEWS

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Rich Sheldon and Andy Bellistri.

King was the final cut at UMass, while Powers is prepping and playing at Deerfield Academy and will attend Amherst College next fall.

Joining Shepard, who hit .400 last year with 38 hits, and Volinski as returning starters are senior pitcher/outfielder Mark Matos, senior outfielder Jeff Marshall, senior shortstop Chris Caverly, junior middle infielder Chris Hanlon, senior third baseman/DH Marty DeFrancisco and sophomore pitcher/first baseman Jason White.

Hanlon batted .357 last spring, Marshall .263 and Matos was 2-2 on the mound with a 2.95 ERA.

Shepard will attend Boston College next fall, while Volinski is headed for Tufts University, Caverly for Amherst College, Matos either Fitchburg State or Lynn University and Marshall is undecided but leaning towards North Colorado State which is located in the middle of ski country.

Returning lettermen are junior second baseman/pitcher Brian Daley, junior third baseman Sean Smith, senior catcher/pitcher Chris Krey and junior catcher Ross Trainor.

Promising newcomers are senior first baseman/third baseman Jon Almon, junior outfielder/pitcher A.J. Sisodia, senior third baseman/second baseman Adam Perry, junior second baseman Derek Powers, sophomore outfielder/pitcher Jon Shaw, senior third baseman/pitcher Andy Timko, junior catcher/pitcher Geoff Welch, junior catcher Owen Fitzpatrick and junior pitcher Patrick Harrington.

Varsity assistant coaches are AHS alums Kevin Rourke, Toby Guzowski and Andover police officer Dave Carrier.

Longtime junior varsity coach Dan Grams returns along with freshman skipper Rich Robinson.

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"A lot of MVC teams were loaded with seniors last year — so there are plenty of young teams this season," said Maglio.

"Central Catholic will be strong again, especially with (lefty pitcher) Brad Laurin back, and Chelmsford should bounce back from an off year (7-14).

Maglio, who has been with the Andover program 31 years (22 as freshman/junior high coach), has a flashy 137-49 career won-lost record as head man.

His teams have won two Division 1 North titles and been to three other North finals, most recently in 1999 when eventual state champ St. John's Prep beat the locals 13-7 at LeLacheur Park in Lowell.

Andover will get another look at LeLacheur, the home field of UMass Lowell and Boston Red Sox New York-Penn League Class A minor league farm team the Lowell Spinners, during the annual MVC Weekend May 4-5.

The Golden Warriors will play Chelmsford at 5 p.m. on May 5.

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At presstime AHS had a scrimmage game scheduled with Woburn next Monday, depending on the weather and field conditions.

The regular season opener is listed for next Wednesday at Aumais Field against Revere (3:45 p.m.), while Norton is booked at home a week from Saturday (April 7, 11 a.m.).

"Some of the early-season games could have site changes if fields aren't ready," noted Maglio.

SOFTBALL

The recipe for success can be found in the numbers.

Seven returning starters and two other letterwinners should add up to quite a few wins for the 2001 Andover High varsity softball team.

After starting last season 1-7 in its first eight games, the Lady Warriors caught fire and finished 8-4 in their final 12 starts to qualify for the Division 1 North Tournament for the third time in the last four years.

The team hung tough and matured the second half of the season behind the fine all-around play of Lisa Tisbert, Taylor Traub, Jen Roberge and pitcher Laura Stone.

Roberge, a rock-solid performer at catcher, is now at Merrimack College.

Stone, who recorded eight pitching victories in slightly more than half a season and was the Merrimack Valley Conference Division 2 Player of the Year as a sophomore, regrettably is sitting out her senior year after knee surgery and slower-than-expected rehabilitation.

Senior Capts. Tisbert and Traub are back, however, and may form the best keystone combo in the conference.

The versatile Tisbert, one of the best girl athletes ever at AHS, could play anywhere but will once again plug the shortstop hole and could assume the No. 2 spot in the pitching rotation in an emergency. She batted .330 last spring.

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Second baseman Traub is joined by five other frontliners, senior centerfielder Kerri Axelrod, junior third baseman Andrea Manners, junior first baseman Shannon Sciolla, sophomore outfielder Jackie Collins and junior No. 1 pitcher Kaitlin Haugh.

"We're still a relatively young team but we're also a mature team," said fifth-year head coach Stephanie Ragucci. "We're strong in the infield and up the middle at short, second and in center.

"Catching will be a big key. Jen (Roberge) was about as good as they come but we're banking on Kara to fill the position," said Ragucci.

'Kara' is Kara Spang, a junior catcher who along with junior outfielder Molly Riemer round out the group of returning letterwinners.

Although Kaitlin Haugh's pitching record the first half of last year was not good, she didn't get much run support and the locals did lose a pair of 2-1 games while scoring two or fewer runs in nine of their 11 regular season losses.

They also dropped a tough 1-0 decision to MVC rival Billerica in the opening round of the Division 1 North Tournament.

"With Laura injured last year, Kaitlin was thrown into a tough situation as a sophomore," said Ragucci. "She pitched well — but we lacked the experience to win the close games.

"This year Katie is bigger and stronger and that should make a difference."

Varsity newcomers are senior middle infielder Tyina Cuevas, senior shortstop/outfielder Katie Mullen, senior first baseman Jess Minor, sophomore first baseman/outfielder Dana Medaglio, freshman infielder/outfielder Emily Farmer and freshman first baseman/pitcher Meagan Merinder.

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This Saturday the Lady Warriors are scheduled to participate in a Play Day at North Reading High with Wilmington High, Brooks School of North Andover, Everett, two high school teams from Maine and the host Green Hornets.

The final scrimmage game is listed for next Friday against Woburn.

The regular season opener is April 10 at Newburyport (3:30 p.m.) and the home opener at AHS on April 12 versus North Reading (3:30).

Andover will join North Andover, Lawrence High and Methuen in the Methuen Invitational Tournament May 19-20. The locals battle North Andover in the semifinal round (7 p.m.).

The other non-league opponent is Nazareth Academy of Wakefield (April 27, home).

"Lowell has a 'wagon' this year," said coach Ragucci, a graduate of Woburn High and M.I.T. "Tewksbury will be tough because Amy (pitcher Von Kahle) is back and Chelmsford is usually strong."

Steve Tisbert returns as a volunteer varsity assistant coach, while Betty Iannuccilli is back as JV coach and Dick Loschi as the freshman skipper.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

With only one returning starter, and two other lettermen, the 2001 Andover High boys varsity volleyball team will have to grow up fast to compete favorably in the Merrimack Valley Conference.

"The biggest thing we have to overcome is our inexperience," admitted head coach George Sullivan. "It's such a big jump from JV to varsity competition. These kids have to learn what it takes to win at this level."

Sullivan, who begins his 13th year with a solid 178-63 won-lost record, hopes his troops are quick studies.

"We came a long way in the first week of practice," said Sullivan. "We'll be scarppy. But these guys have to learn everything in a very short time."

The volleyballers, the spring sports team least affected by the weather, is also the first in action with a season-opening match next Monday afternoon at Central Catholic (4 p.m.).

The home opener at the Dunn Gym is next Wednesday afternoon against Lawrence High (4 p.m.).

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The lengthy list of key losses (seven) includes Chris Morrissey (now attending UMass Amherst), Kevin Hess (Boston College), Ryan Slavin (UMass Amherst), Kyle McCauley (UMass Amherst), Adam Turbett (Bucknell), Brian Galluzzo and Mike Hamilton.

Hamilton would have been a senior starter this season but his family moved out of town.

The lone returning starter is senior 6'4" middle/outside hitter and Capt. Josh Brooks.

Other lettermen are senior outside hitter and Capt. Alan MacLean and senior outside hitter Andy Carter (6'1").

The list of newcomers, all elevated from last year's successful 15-5 JV team, includes senior defenders Adam Martel and Mike Chabot.

Juniors new to the varsity are setter Stuart Smilowitz, middle hitter Elliot Perkins, and outside hitter George Lewis.

The promising sophomore contingent includes middle hitter Steve Johnson, outside hitters Cameron Day, Andy Ahern and Ryan Donahue, setter Tim An and defenders Dave Hsu and Shawn Furey.

The rising star may be Johnson who has looked very good in early practices and the first of two multi-team 'Play Days' at the Dunn Gym.

A potential gem slipped away when basketball standout Bruno Zanotti, an exchange student from Paraguay, decided to compete for the track team.

"Bruno practiced with us for two days," said coach Sullivan. "He had the potential to be an outstanding volleyball player with his leaping ability and power. But he's also a terrific high jumper and he decided to do that instead. That's fine. It's a loss for us but a good addition for the track team."

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The first Play Day was last Saturday and included Central Catholic, Lawrence, Haverhill and Weymouth High.

Another is scheduled this Saturday and the participants will be Cambridge Rindge & Latin, Newton South, defending MVC champ St. John's Prep of Danvers, Haverhill, Lawrence and AHS.

"Haverhill is loaded," said coach Sullivan. "They're probably the team to beat in the MVC — although Methuen, St. John's and Lowell should also be very strong."

Sullivan and JV coach Dave Amundsen have plenty of help on the sidelines this year.

Volunteer assistants are Doug Miller, who also helped with the girls volleyball team last fall, and AHS alum Dennis Aikman.

Chris Morrissey, who is playing club volleyball at UMass Amherst, also lent a hand for the first week during his semester break.

AHS senior and girls All-Conference volleyball player Robin Young, who is a standout tennis player and shot putter, opted instead to volunteer her services and expertise.

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In the past dozen years AHS boys volleyball teams have won five league titles, qualified for the MIAA State Tournament 11 times, reached the state semifinals three times and finished as the state runner-up once.

BOYS LACROSSE

Stingy, miserly and Scrooge-like could be three ways to describe the 2001 Andover High boys varsity lacrosse team this spring.

Those would be compliments, by the way, because the Golden Warriors are concentrating on keeping the ball out of their net.

With three senior defensemen and the top goalie returning from a 12-7 MIAA Tournament qualifier, AHS should be proficient at holding opponents' scoring to a minimum.

"Defense is definitely our major strength," said third-year head coach Wayne Puglisi. "We're depending on that part of the game a lot this season."

There are eight returning starters and 12 other lettermen back, while the biggest losses from last year are top goalscorer Andy Ryan and Mark Rogers.

"We should be OK offensively," said Puglisi. "We have a few players back who have proven they can score.

"There is also a group of younger first-year role players, new to the varsity, and an important task will be trying to fit them into the mix. They need to get on the field as much as possible to get experience in game situations."

Expected to anchor the talented defensive corps are senior goalie and Capt. Chris Cataldo, senior defender and Capt. Jim Hale, senior defender Jon Maloney and senior defender Erik Martin.

Returning starters on attack are Troy Lieberman and Mike Hass, while junior Chris Callison is the lone veteran midfielder.

Lieberman was the second leading goalscorer and top overall point producer (49) for AHS last year, while Hass also produced some big points for the Golden Warriors.

Returning lettermen are senior midfielders Jeff Ahern, Dustin Shea, Jay Sherman and Mike Fitzpatrick, junior middies Greg Beck and Greg Drapeau, senior attackman Nate Stoetzel, junior attack Oliver Gregory, sophomore attack Steve Seero, senior defender Andy Gallagher, junior defender Tim Meagher and junior goaltender Alex Gostanian.

New to the varsity are junior midfielder Matt Shoemaker, sophomore middies Greg Hartwell and Nick Stamas, freshman middie Brendan Smith, junior attackman Tim Ronan, junior defenders Brian Durie and Jon Konjoian and sophomore defender Nels Nelson.

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Andover is a member of the five-team Merrimack Valley Conference, joining established power Billerica, Lowell, Chelmsford and

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ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL SPRING 2001 ATHLETIC SCHEDULE

BASEBALL

(Home Games at Peter Aumais Field)

APRIL

4 — Revere, 3:45 p.m., non-league
7 — Norton, 11 a.m., non-league
14 — Showcase Showdown, at New Bedford, 11 a.m. (Paul Walsh Field)
14 — Showcase Showdown, vs. Brockton, 2:30 p.m. (Paul Walsh Field, New Bedford)
17 — Central Catholic, 2 p.m.
19 — at Chelmsford, 2 p.m. (Ayotte Field)
23 — Billerica, 3:30 p.m.
25 — at Dracut, 3:30 p.m.
27 — Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
30 — at Lowell, 3:30 p.m. (Alumni Field)

MAY

2 — at Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m. (Merrimack College)
5 — MVC Weekend vs. Chelmsford, 5 p.m. (LeLacheur Park, Lowell)
7 — at Lawrence, 3:30 p.m. (Mark Devlin Field)
9 — at Methuen, 3:30 p.m. (Pelham Street Field)
10 — Lowell, 3:30 p.m.
14 — at Haverhill, 7 p.m.
16 — Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m.
18 — Peabody, 3:30 p.m., non-league
23 — at Revere, 3:45 p.m., non-league
25 — at Peabody, 7 p.m., non-league

Head Coach: Ken Maglio (9th year, career record: 137-51).
JV Coach: Dan Grams.
Record Last Year: 12-13, Division 1 North quarterfinalist.

SOFTBALL

APRIL

10 — at Newburyport, 3:30 p.m., non-league
12 — North Reading, 3:30 p.m., non-league
17 — Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.
19 — at Notre Dame Academy/Tyngsboro, 2 p.m.
21 — at Haverhill, 10 a.m.
23 — Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m.
25 — Billerica, 3:30 p.m.
27 — Nazareth Academy/Wakefield, 3:30 p.m., non-league
30 — Lowell, 3:30 p.m.

MAY

2 — at Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
3 — Lawrence, 3:30 p.m.
7 — at Tewksbury, 7 p.m. (Sullivan Field)
10 — Notre Dame Academy/Tyngsboro, 3:30 p.m.
14 — Dracut, 3:30 p.m.
18 — Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.
19 — at Methuen Tournament vs. North Andover, 7 p.m., non-league
20 — at Methuen Tournament, vs. either Lawrence or Methuen, 7 p.m., non-league
21 — at Lawrence, 3:30 p.m. (Hayden-Schofield Playstead)
23 — Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
26 — at Central Catholic, 10 a.m., (Merrimack College)

Head Coach: Stephanie Ragucci (5th year).
JV Coach: Betty Iannuccilli.
Record Last Year: 9-12.

BOYS TENNIS

APRIL

9 — Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
11 — at Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
13 — at Phillips Academy, 3:30 p.m., non-league
23 — Billerica, 3:30 p.m.
25 — Lawrence, 3:30 p.m.
27 — Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.
30 — at Lowell, 3:30 p.m.

MAY

2 — Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.
7 — at Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
9 — Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
11 — at St. John's Prep, 3:30 p.m., non-league
14 — at Billerica, 3:30 p.m.
16 — at Lawrence, 3:30 p.m.
18 — at Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.
21 — Lowell, 3:30 p.m.
23 — at Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m. (Merrimack College).

Head Coach: Mike Wartman (17th year).
Record Last Year: 16-3, MVC champion, Division 1 North Tournament semifinalist.

GIRLS TENNIS

APRIL

6 — at Notre Dame Academy/Tyngsboro, 3:30 p.m.
9 — at Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
10 — Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m.
11 — Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
23 — at Billerica, 3:30 p.m.
25 — at Lawrence, 3:30 p.m.
27 — at Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.
30 — Lowell, 3:30 p.m.

MAY

2 — at Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m. (Merrimack College)
4 — Notre Dame Academy/Tyngsboro, 3:30 p.m.
7 — Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
9 — at Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
10 — Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m.
14 — Billerica, 3:30 p.m.
16 — Lawrence, 3:30 p.m.
18 — Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.
21 — at Lowell, 3:30 p.m.
23 — Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.

Head Coach: Tony Russo (15th year).
Record Last Year: 21-1, MVC champions, Division 1 North Tournament finalist.

BOYS TRACK

(Home Meets at Lovely Field)

APRIL

12 — Dracut, 3:30 p.m.
17 — MVC Relays, 9:30 a.m. (Lovely Field)
21 — at Haverhill Invitational, 10 a.m.
25 — at Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.
28 — State Class B Relays, 9:30 p.m. (Lovely Field)
30 — at Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m.

MAY

2 — at Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
5 — Phillips Academy, 2 p.m., non-league
9 — Lowell, 3:30 p.m.
11 — Freshman Invitational, 3:30 p.m.
12 — Andover Boosters Invitational, 10 a.m.
15 — Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.
18 — MVC Championship Meet, 3:30 p.m., at Cawley Stadium, Lowell
19 — MVC Championship Meet, 10 a.m., at Tewksbury High
25 — State Class B Meet, 9:30 a.m., (Lovely Field)

JUNE

2 — at All-State Championship Meet, 10 a.m., at Worcester State College
9 — at New England Championship Meet, 11 a.m., at Winnacunnet High, Hampton, N.H.

Head Coach: Peter Comeau (5th year).
Assistant Coaches: Art Iworsley, Greg Kouloheras, Karl Lippmann, Brenda Clark-Warne, Maggie Ward, Craig Hartwell.
Record Last Year: 3-3.

GIRLS TRACK

(Home Meets at Lovely Field)

APRIL

12 — Notre Dame Academy/Tyngsboro, 3:30 p.m.
17 — MVC Relays, 9:30 a.m. (Lovely Field)
21 — at Tewksbury Invitational, 10 a.m.
25 — at Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.
28 — at State Class B Relays, 9:30 p.m. (Lovely Field)
30 — at Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m.

MAY

2 — at Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
5 — Phillips Academy, 2 p.m. non-league
9 — Lowell, 3:30 p.m.
11 — Freshman Invitational, 3:30 p.m.
12 — Andover Boosters Invitational, 10 a.m.
15 — Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.
18 — MVC Championship Meet, 3:30 p.m., at Cawley Stadium, Lowell
19 — MVC Championship Meet, 10 a.m., at Tewksbury High
25 — State Class B Meet, 9:30 a.m., (Lovely Field)

JUNE

2 — at All-State Championship Meet, 10 a.m., at Worcester State College
9 — at New England Championship Meet, 11 a,m., at Winnacunnet High, Hampton, N.H.

Head Coach: Peter Comeau (5th year).
Assistant Coaches: Art Iworsley, Greg Kouloheras, Karl Lippmann, Brenda Clark-Warne, Maggie Ward, Craig Hartwell.
Record Last Year: 7-0, MVC Champions.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

(Home Matches at Dunn Gym)

APRIL

2 — at Central Catholic, 4 p.m.
4 — Lawrence, 4 p.m.
6 — at Methuen, 4 p.m.
9 — Lowell, 4 p.m.
11 — at Westford Academy, 3:30 p.m.
12 — at Dracut, 4 p.m.
17 — Haverhill, 10 a.m.
23 — Billerica, 4 p.m.
25 — at Chelmsford, 6 p.m.
30 — Central Catholic, 4 p.m.

MAY

1 — at St. John's Prep, 5 p.m. (Danvers)
2 — at Lawrence, 3:30 p.m.
4 — Methuen, 4 p.m.
7 — at Lowell, 3:30 p.m.
9 — Westford Academy, 4 p.m.
10 — Dracut, 4 p.m.
14 — at Haverhill, 4 p.m.
16 — St. John's Prep, 4 p.m.
18 — at Billerica, 4 p.m.
21 — Chelmsford, 4 p.m.

Head Coach: George Sullivan (13th year, career record: 178-63).
Record Last Year: 15-7, Division 1 North semifinalist.

BOYS LACROSSE

APRIL

3 — at Marblehead, 4 p.m.
6 — Chelmsford, 4 p.m. (Doherty Middle School)
10 — Lowell, 4 p.m. (Doherty Middle School)
12 — at Tyngsboro, 7 p.m.
16 — North Andover, 7 p.m. (Lovely Field)
19 — at Lexington, 1:30 p.m.
21 — Medfield, 2 p.m.
24 — at Billerica, 4 p.m.
27 — Masconomet Regional, 4 p.m.

MAY

1 — at Lowell, 7 p.m. (Martin Field)
4 — at Chelmsford, 7 p.m. (Simonian Stadium)
7 — at Ashland, 7 p.m. (Ashland High)
10 — Billerica, 7 p.m.
15 — at Lincoln-Sudbury, 5 p.m. (Feeley Field)
18 — at North Andover, 7 p.m. (Hayes Stadium)
22 — at Winchester, 4 p.m.
24 — Waltham, 4 p.m.

Head Coach: Wayne Puglisi (3rd year, career record: 21-8).
Record Last Year: 12-7.
Note: Some home games may be played at the Shawsheen Field, at the corner of York and Balmoral streets.

GIRLS LACROSSE

(Home Games at Doherty Middle School)

APRIL

3 — at Arlington, 3:30 p.m.
5 — at Beverly, 3:30 p.m.
10 — Ipswich, 3:30 p.m.
12 — at Masconomet Regional, 3:30 p.m.
18 — Hopkinton, 3:30 p.m.
24 — at Westboro, 3:30 p.m.
26 — Tyngsboro, 3:30 p.m.

MAY

1 — at North Andover, 3:30 p.m.
3 — Marblehead, 3:30 p.m.
8 — at Billerica, 3:30 p.m.
10 — Beverly, 3:30 p.m.
15 — at Ipswich, 3:30 p.m.
17 — Masconomet Regional, 3:30 p.m.
22 — at Tyngsboro, 3:30 p.m.
24 — North Andover, 3:30 p.m.
29 — at Marblehead, 3:30 p.m.
31 — Billerica, 3:30 p.m.

Head Coach: Ryan Polley (1st year).

ANDOVER TOWNSMAN

Dates and times are subject to change

Iworsley gets most votes for 2001 Boys Track Coach of the Year award

By Rick Harrison

Longtime Andover High indoor and outdoor track coach Arthur Iworsley has been named the 2001 Massachusetts State Track Coaches Association Boys Coach of the Year.

Iworsley, the third recipient of the fledgling award, received a plaque commemorating the honor at the annual Track Coaches Clinic held March 16.

The award, voted by coaches across the state, includes performance from the previous spring season, the past fall's cross country season and the recently-completed indoor track season.

Iworsley, nominated for the award by several different school officials and fellow coaches, was the top vote-getter among all nominees.

Iworsley has been the head girls indoor track coach at Andover High for the past 25 years, and took the boys reins in 1989.

Born and educated in Lawrence, the 54-year-old West Elementary School physical education teacher ran track at Lawrence High for legendary Lancers' Hall of Fame coach Ernie Perry, Sr.

"At that time you could compete in one individual running event, one field event and a relay," said Iworsley. "I was primarily a sprinter and did the 100 yard dash, long jump and 4x100 relay outdoors and the sprints indoors.

"But I wanted to try everything so I competed a few times in the shot put, discus and hurdles."

Iworsley was also a member of the Lawrence High football team in the early and mid 1960's.

His college education came at tiny Doane College in Crete, Neb., where he continued his indoor and outdoor track careers and was also a reserve running back on the football team for two seasons.

"There were only 650 kids at the school," recalled Iworsley, who was coached by another track legend, Fred Biele, who has won numerous national awards and titles.

"The four years I was at Doane the indoor and outdoor track teams — and the football team — were all undefeated," said Iworsley.

The gridders, 38-0-2, competed in the NAIA and went to a pair of bowl games while Iworsley was there.

"We played in the Mineral Water Bowl in Selsia Springs, Missouri," recalled Iworsley with a laugh. "The first year (1968) we played Southwest Missouri State, which had a student body of 18,000 against our 650, and we won the game 10-0."

That monumental upset earned Doane mention in several major newspapers and magazines across the country.

The following year Doane was invited to the more prestigious Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl, but with traditional national power Gramling penciled in as the opponent the small Nebraska school declined the bid and went back to a second Mineral Water Bowl.

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Iworsley majored in physical education, philosophy and religion.

His senior year in college he was offered a job at a parochial school in Crete. "It paid $1 an hour," said Iworsley.

Upon graduation he interviewed for a teacher-coach position at the University of Nebraska, but decided to return home to think over his options.

Shortly afterward, in the fall of 1970, a physical education job opened at West Elemntary School and Iworsley snapped it up.

He has been there ever since, and was named the Andover school system's physical education Teacher of the Year in 1976.

He also received recognition in 1991-'92 as the Coach of the Year in all sports for the Andover school system.

"I always knew I wanted to coach somewhere at some level," noted the Coach of the Year.

When he first applied for a track coaching job at AHS in the early 1970's the spot went instead to current Andover High athletic director and AHS alum Jim Hurley.

"It didn't bother me because it was sort of an unofficial position," said Iworsley.

A few years later legendary AHS track and football coach Dick Collins hired Iworsley as an assistant on his outdoor track staff and as head man for the girls indoor team.

He succeeded Collins as boys indoor coach in 1989, but when Collins left the outdoor post five years ago Iworsley stepped aside and remained an assistant as former AHS state and New England hurdles champion Peter Comeau assumed the head job.

The universally well-liked Iworsley also served as JV and later head coach for the girls volleyball program, a post he relinquished when George Sullivan took over as sole head coach several years ago.

He and Sullivan also started the boys volleyball program at AHS.

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Iworsley met his wife of 30 years, Kathy, at Doane College and the two were married shortly after graduation.

A native of West Springfield and a former high school and college field hockey, basketball and softball standout, Kathy Iworsley is now a fourth grade teacher at West Elementary.

The couple has two children. Daughter Joy is a senior at Andover High; son Eric is a sixth-grader at West Middle School.

"I've been extremely lucky to have a very supportive wife, a terrific mentor in Dick Collins, and a great crew of assistant coaches (indoors) like Peter Comeau and Brenda Clark-Warne," said Iworsley.

The Massachusetts Coach of the Year is proof positive that hard work, fairness and integrity always pay off.

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Tyngsboro in the newly-formed league for the fastest-growing high school sport in Massachusetts.

The locals will play eight league games and 10 non-leaguers.

"It's a new mix of opponents and a new schedule for us," said coach Puglisi, whose team held its own in the East League last year after finishing 9-3 as a club team in 1999.

Last May Andover played its first-ever tourney game and lost to Beverly, a program that has been around much longer.

"We feel we've made significant progress the first two years," said Puglisi.

Puglisi played his high school lacrosse in Londonderry, N.H. and continued his career at Springfield College.

The Methuen resident, a physical education teacher at Andover High, was an assistant at Londonderry and coached at Winchester High for six years before taking the AHS job.

Todd Zahurak, a guidance counselor in the Andover school system, returns as junior varsity coach.

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Depending on weather and existing field conditions, the season is supposed to start next Tuesday afternoon with a non-league game at Marblehead High (4 p.m.).

The home opener is next Friday versus Chelmsford (4 p.m.).

At presstime it was uncertain whether the majority of home games would be played at the Doherty Middle School field or the Shawsheen field at the corner of York and Balmoral Streets.

Two home games are listed at night under the lights at Lovely Field (7 p.m.), April 16 against North Andover and May 10 versus Billerica.

GIRLS TRACK

This could be the year.

Anchored by four outstanding multi-event seniors, and a deep and talented sophomore class, the Andover High girls track team is a very realistic choice to win the State Class B Championship this spring.

The fact that Andover is also hosting the Class B Meet on May 25 at Lovely Field makes the possibility even more intriguing.

"That's our goal — to win the Class B title," said head coach Peter Comeau. "If we're going to do it this is the year."

The Lady Warriors came close last spring, winning a third straight MVC dual-meet title while posting a 6-0 league record and stretching the conference win streak through 10 meets since a 73 1/2 to 71 1/2 loss to Tewksbury early in the 1999 season.

The AHS girls are 57-4 in their last 61 MVC duals and 60-6 in their last 66 outdoor meets including a handful on non-league confrontations.

Andover then finished third in the Class B Meet with 42 points, trailing only champion Reading and runner-up Whitman-Hanson.

It was the second straight year AHS placed third.

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Several key performers from last year's team graduated, including high jumpers Liz Connors and Alexis Contos, middle distance runners Allison Corey and Caitlin Murray, hurdler Megan Munroe, triple jumper Siobhan Landry and sprinters Jenny Hsu and Lindsay Ravens.

There were 125 athletes on this year's team as of Tuesday this week.

"We keeping get five or six new kids every day," said Comeau. "I don't know what the final number will be but its a full-time job just trying to keep tabs on everyone."

The breakdown includes 29 juniors, 45 sophomores and 37 freshmen.

Although the senior contingent is small it is extremely talented.

Leading the charge are the four captains, Ogechi Ibe (shot put, discus), Sheena Patel (300 intermediate hurdles, long jump, relays), Emily Pfeil (mile, high jump, relays) and Stephanie Pierce (100 high hurdles, triple jump).

"We'll get a lot of mileage out of the seniors," said Comeau. "Sheena and Emily could be worth as many as 15 points each per meet because they have the potential to win three events apiece. Ogechi is almost a sure-fire 10 and so is Stephanie."

Ibe placed third in the discus at the Class B Meet last year at Plymouth South High (112'11"), and also scored in the All-State Meet at Norwell High.

Patel, who couldn't compete in the All-State Meet because of an SAT exam conflict, was third in the Class B triple jump (35'2 1/2") and third in the 100 meter high hurdles (15.7).

Pierce was fifth in the Class B 100 hurdles (16.3), and both she and Patel are coming off strong indoor seasons in the 50-yard and 55-meter hurdles.

Patel and Pierce also performed well last month in the annual State Indoor Pentathlon.

Other seniors who should contribute include shot putter Daniela Arias and Kelly Couture (javelin).

The team lost a consistent placewinner when senior shot putter Robin Young decided to help out with the boys volleyball team.

Top juniors are high jumper Natasha Camilo, hurdlers Katie Gustin and Patricia Wong, sprinter Liz Sullivan, shot putter Betsy Miller, pole vaulter Alyson Fortier, middle distance runner Lindsay Durkin, two-miler Laura O'Connell and Joan Moffit (javelin).

O'Connell was a consistent race winner in cross country last fall and also had a solid indoor season in the distance events.

An outstanding junior who will be missed is middle distance runner Holly Boucher, a member of Andover's two-time reigning state champion swim and dive team who has decided to concentrate on that sport.

Last spring Boucher was fourth in the 800 meters at the Class B Meet (2:23.6), and she joined Lindsay Durkin on the school record-setting 4x800 relay that finished second in Class B (9:58.3).

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The list of sophomore contributors is almost endless.

"I can't remember another sophomore class as talented in all sports as this one," said Comeau. "Although two years ago the current senior class would have been very close. It's something for debate."

Caitlin Geary heads the group as the defending Class B two-mile champ, winning that race in 11:43.1 last year as a freshman.

Additional sophomore standouts, listed alphabetically with their top events, are Jackie Alexander (javelin), Kristina Araujo (distance races), Stefanie Auchterlonie (discus), Carolyn Berberian (discus), Valerie Berlinghien (discus), Vicki Britton (discus), swim senation Connie Brown (sprints), Amanda Buchholz (sprints) and Katie Cail (hurdles).

Also Stephanie Casper (quarter mile), Rebecca Fink (high jump), Emily Gentile (pole vault), Courtney Hale (pole vault), Caitlin Hamer (mile), Holly Hinds (mile), Janelle Larose (200 dash), Amy Palmieri (half mile) and Emily Pearson (hurdles, high jump).

"It will take some time to get to know all the freshmen and what they can do," said Comeau.

For now, two that have looked good in pre-season workouts are high jumper Melissa Parry and distance runner Megan Lewis.

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In all honesty, the Lady Warriors appear to be a virtual lock for another MVC title with no conference opponent seeming capable of even coming close.

That leaves the Class B and possibly the All-State championships to gun for — and yes this could be the year.

BOYS TRACK

Head coach Peter Comeau is looking for improvement over last year's 3-3 record, as the 2001 Andover High boys track team appears to have better overall balance and strength in many events this spring.

Comeau and staff greeted another large turnout of 102 boys which includes 37 freshmen, 22 sophomores, 25 juniors and 18 seniors.

Last year the Golden Warriors started 3-0 with wins over Billerica, Haverhill and Chelmsford, but then stumbled with consecutive losses to Central Catholic, Lowell and Methuen.

Key graduates from last year include sprinter Jeremy Spiegel, hurdler-high jumper Charles Murnane, throwers Mike Burnett and Adam Spiller, miler Greg Stamm, thrower Dave Cordima and jumper Brian DeAngelo.

Andover followed its dual-meet season with a very respectable and somewhat surprising sixth-place finish in the State Class B Meet.

DeAngelo was fourth in the Class B long jump (19'11"), Stamm fourth in the mile (4:43.3), Murnane sixth in the 110 high hurdles and Spiegel ran a leg on the Class B champion 4x100 meter sprint relay (44.4).

DeAngelo was also seventh in the triple jump (41'4"), Spiller seventh in the discus throw (121'3") and Cordima seventh in the javelin.

"This year we should be very strong in the sprints," said Comeau. "We have the top two 200 meter sprinters in the conference and we can actually go six to eight deep in the 100, 200 and 400. It's the strongest we've been in that department in 10 years.

"We also have several outstanding distance runners and some good throwers," added Comeau.

"We don't have a lot of depth with the boys — but there aren't many holes in the lineup, either.

"We expect to better the .500 mark. It's anybody's conference to win. No team really stands out head and shoulders above the others."

Comeau does concede, however, that Lowell and Central Catholic will once again be the toughest opponents on the schedule.

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The top senior trackmen are Capt. Kyle Miller (300 intermediate hurdles), Capt. Brendan Ahern (distance races), Capt. Alex Champion (high jump), Capt. Shahriar Ghandchi (400 meters, javelin), Tim Galebach (distance races), throwers Reid Clifton (discus) and Matt Delaney (javelin), Bruno Zanotti (high jump, triple jump) and sprinters Ben Perkins, Ross Inman and Shawn Gaines.

Galebach, who has put together spectacular cross country and indoor track (mile) seasons this school year, was fourth in the State Class B two-mile run last spring (9:52.3).

Miller was seventh in the Class B 300 hurdles (40.7) and Ghandchi eighth in the 400 meters (54.3).

Inman and Perkins also ran a leg each on the Class B champion 4x100 relay.

"Galebach will do double duty for us in the 800 meters and two mile in most meets," said Comeau. "He's had a brilliant year thus far and I don't see him slowing down any this spring.

"Inman, Perkins and Gaines are part of that terrific crew of sprinters we have, and Zanotti could turn out to be the best high jumper in the area and one of the best our school has ever had."

Zanotti, an exchange student from Paraguay who put together a very strong basketball season, chose track over volleyball after working out with both teams in the pre-season.

"Bruno had never high jumped before and the first couple days he cleared six feet with no problem at all," said Comeau.

"We want to bring him along slowly — and try not to put too much pressure on him."

Nevertheless, a healthy Zanotti could be a strong contender for top honors in the Class B high jump and will be tough to beat in dual meets.

"Bruno also has tremendous potential as a triple jumper," added Comeau.

Alex Champion is also ready to go, having made a full recovery from an ACL injury suffered during the football season.

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Versatile Bruce Brown, a sprinter and long jumper who ran the anchor leg on the winning Class B 4x100 relay, tops the list of returning juniors.

"Brown is a little bigger and a little stronger and he is primed for a very good spring season," said Comeau.

Other top juniors include Mark Barnaby (shot put), Alan Clarke (sprints, jumps), Jason Crabb (sprints, jumps), Mike Donahue (sprints), Jack Askin (distance races), Dave MacDougall (javelin), Mike Morrissey (pole vault) and Anthony Silva (quarter mile).

Sophomore standouts are Dave Fielding (sprints), Taylor Hender (distance

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ANA/YMCA Synchers meet with success in synchronized swimming meets

March brought impressive results for the ANA/YMCA Synchers as they traveled to compete in two East Zone synchronized swimming meets.

Over the March 9-11 weekend, the Synchers' 14 and older swimmers participated in the East Zone Senior Championships in Harrisburg, Pa., pitting themselves against many collegiate level swimmers.

Their 9th-place finish was the team's highest for this competition.

For this meet, team members Erin Conlon, Ellie Browne, Esther Kovach, Teryl Bubar, Caitlin Hanson, and Sarah Hansen were joined by coaching assistant Lindsay Stockwell, a student at UMass Lowell.

The Synchers' younger members competed in the East Zone Invitational Meet in Hamden, Conn., over March 24-25. Coach Brenda Conlon praised their performance, stating, "These young swimmers truly exceeded our expectations again."

The duet of Chelsea Portney and Rita Gillan earned a gold for their routine in the 12-13 Age Group category, with Gillan taking first for her solo and Portney a fifth. Gillan also took second place for her technical figures.

Younger sister, Lisa Portney and her duet partner, Maggie Conlon placed second for their 11 and under routine, as well as a second and fifth, respectively, for their solos. L. Portney also earned a gold for technical figures. The pair combined with teammates Sasha Pelich, Patti O'Donnell, Faryn Shiro, Ashley Cohen, C. Portney and Gillan for a gold in the 12-13 Age Group Team Routine competition.

Additional team results include a sixth-place finish for the duet of Shiro and Cohen as well as a ninth for Sasha Pelich and O'Donnell.

Intermediate Level team members Kelly Mahoney, Sophie Pelich and Meaghan Arsenault placed second for their trio.

The entire team will be competing in the New England Synchronized Swimming Association's Age Group Championships on April 1 at the ANA YMCA.

Anyone interested in synchronized swimming can watch the team in action at that meet or at their annual synchronized swim show to be held on June 10; or call head coach Eugenia Gillan at 978-475-0555.

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The Andover-North Andover Branch of the Merrimack Valley YMCA will be hosting this year's New England Synchronized Swimming Association's Age Group Championships.

Swimmers ages 9 to 19 from throughout the region will be competing on Sunday, April 1 in order to move on in the qualifying process to the Age-Group National Championships scheduled for the end of June in Syracuse, N.Y. Sunday's competition will begin with technical figures at 8 a.m. and proceed to Technical and Free Routines in the afternoon and evening.

For additional information, contact the YMCA at 978-685-3541.

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races), Andy Pfeil (javelin, distance races), Jeff Rabinovitz (javelin), Russell Stevens (javelin) and Phil Shaw (distance races).

Shaw has bounced back from a hip injury suffered during the winter season. "He overtrained," explained Comeau. "Phil ran too much and broke down — but he's fine now."

Freshmen hoping to make an impact are Sean Geary (half mile), Ryan Durkin (mile), Alex Navarro (hurdles), Mike Kichowsky (hurdles), Vincent Errico (hurdles), Brad Sherman (distance races), Jeff Sawyer (distance races) and Mark Radinsky (distance races).

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NOTICE OF HEARING

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Premises affected are located at 18 Arundel Street, Andover, MA in a Single Residence A District; and are shown on Assessor's Map 36 as Lot 66.

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CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF APPEALS
March 22 & 29, 2001

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Premises affected are located at 168, 172 & 174 River Road, Andover, MA in an Industrial D District; and are shown on Assessor's Map 166 as Lots 5, 6 & 7.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF APPEALS
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Premises affected are located at 7 Willard Circle, Andover, MA in a Single Residence C District; and are shown on Assessor's Map 123 as Lot 7.

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3-4-mile hike, sponsored by Andover Appalachian Mountain Club, 1:30 p.m., AVIS Skug River Reservation, a section of Harold Parker Forest; Marta/Dick Hornidge 475-3395, <innisfree@prodigy.net>.

Lecture, "Thru the Needle's Eye," sponsored by the Embroiders' Guild of America, free, 1-4 p.m., Tewksbury Congregational Church, Main, East streets, Tewksbury; Rosemary Carter (781)893-0959.

The Divine Plan, *7 p.m., see April 7 entry.*

ONGOING

Museums and Historic Homes

Andover Historical Society permanent exhibit Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum, *Andover artist and collector Doug Bell mixed media sculpture and paintings,* through April 20; containing period rooms from 1820s to 1840s, with 19th-century farm and woodworking tools; library and office hours 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturdays, Mondays by appointment; $4 adults, $2 children, members free; Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St.; 475-2236.

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Museum of Printing, 800 Massachusetts Ave., North Andover, featuring antique printing equipment, $5 admission, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, 1-8 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, 1-5 p.m.; 686-0450 or <www.museumofprinting.org>.

New England Quilt Museum, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 18 Shattuck St., Lowell; (978) 452-4207.

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Lawrence Heritage State Park, open daily, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 1 Jackson St., Lawrence; 794-1655.

Custom House Maritime Museum, *Seeking Justice: 300 Years of People on the Newburyport Waterfront, Along the Shore, The Urban Seaport in the Age of Sail, A Gallery of Ships,* and *Coping with Crisis,* Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Thursday and Sunday, 1-4 p.m., 25 Water St., Newburyport; (978) 462-8681.

Wenham Museum, $5 adults, $3 children ages 2 and up, 132 Main St., Wenham; (978) 468-2377.

Peabody Essex Museum, *Painted with Thread: The Art of American Embroidery,* April 13-29; *New and Noteworthy: Recent Additions to the Collections,* through May 20; *Kalighat,* through July 1; *A Folk Art Sampler,* ongoing; *Ebony and Ivory: Furniture from British India and Ceylon,* through April 29, Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m., closed Christmas, New Year's, $10 adults, $8 seniors, free, children under 17, East India Square, Salem, Mass., (800) 745-4054, <www.pem.org>.

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Essex Art Center, Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 56 Island St., Lawrence; 685-2343.

Merrimack College's McQuade Library Art Gallery, ***Resolution of Reality,*** *A Colorful Look at the Past,* featuring 20 paintings inspired by old family photographs from the 1920s-'50s by Jan Searle of Newbury, Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-11 p.m., Friday, 7:30-6 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sunday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; 837-5000, Ext. 4205.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
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ESSEX DIVISION
Docket No. 01P0530-EP1

NOTICE

In the ESTATE OF **RICHARD M. CANTERBURY**

To all persons interested in the estate of RICHARD M. CANTERBURY late of the County of Essex Date of Death, December 16, 2000

A petition has been presented in the above captioned matter praying that a certain instrument be probated purporting to be the last will of said deceased by JOAN M. CANTERBURY of Andover in the County of Essex, praying that she be appointed executrix thereof, without giving sureties on her bond.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Salem, 36 Federal St., Salem, MA 01970 BEFORE 10:00 O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 A.M.) ON April 17, 2001

Wills only: In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

Witness, John C. Stevens, III, Esquire, First Justice of said Court. Date March 13, 2001

Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register of Probate Court
March 29, 2001

TOWN OF ANDOVER
PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Tuesday, April 10, 2001 at 7:30 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, pursuant to MGL, Chapter 41A, Section 5., on a private article submitted by Yvon Cormier Construction Corp. and others, to amend the Andover Zoning By-Law by rezoning a certain parcel of land situated on the westerly side of Haggetts Pond Road and abutting the Tewksbury Line, from Single Residence SRC to Industrial ID, said property being a portion of Lot 6 on Assessor's Map 219; Lot 2A on Assessor's Map 221; Lot 2 on Assessor's Map 227. The complete article and a plan attached thereto may be examined in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:30 a.m., and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

THE ANDOVER
PLANNING BOARD
Michael H. Miller, Esq.,
Chairman

March 22 & 29, 2001

OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, April 5, 2001 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of LLM Realty Trust, 20 Aegean Dr. #11, Methuen, MA for a variance from the requirements of the Andover Zoning By-Law, Article VIII, Section VI.P.5.b to allow the construction of a single family home that will not meet dimensional requirements.

Premises affected are located at 137 Greenwood Road, Andover, MA in a Single Residence B District; and are shown on Assessor's Map 131 as Lot 8B.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF APPEALS

March 22 & 29, 2001

OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, April 5, 2001 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road, Andover, MA for an extension of Decision No. 2995 that allows the construction of additions and alterations to existing church and vestry building.

Premises affected are located at 129 Reservation Road, Andover, MA in a Single Residence B District; and are shown on Assessor's Map 89 as Lot 55.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF APPEALS

March 22 & 29, 2001

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
THE PROBATE
AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT
Essex Division
Docket No. 98P 2653-EP1
NOTICE OF FIDUCIARY'S ACCOUNT

To all persons interested in the estate of ELIZABETH A. STEINERT, otherwise known as ELIZABETH ANN STEINERT late of 8 Judson Road, Andover, MA, Essex County 01810.

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the first and final account of ROGER F. STEINERT as Executor (the fiduciary) under the will of said deceased has been presented to said Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Salem on or before the twenty-third day of April 2001, the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account. If you desire to object to any item of said account, you must in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

Witness, JOHN C. STEVENS, III, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Salem this nineteenth day of March, 2001

Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register of Probate
March 29, 2001

Mortgagee's Sale Of Real Estate
Premises: A2 Colonial Drive,
Unit A2-7, Andover's Colonial Drive Condominium
Andover, MA

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Janine A. Mulligan to First Franklin Financial Corporation, dated May 4, 1999, recorded at Essex County (North District) Registry of Deeds in Book 5420, Page 304, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage contained and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on May 2, 2001 at 12:00 P.M.(Noon) upon the mortgaged premises at A2 Colonial Drive, Unit A2-7, Andover's Colonial Drive Condominium, Andover, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

"The following described premises in the Andover's Colonial Drive Condominium created by Master Deed dated June 16, 1987 and recorded on June 17, 1987 with the Essex North Registry of Deeds at Book 2522, Page 105, as amended of record, being Unit Number A2-7, together with an undivided percentage interest appertaining to said Unit in the common areas and facilities of said Condominium, and subject to and with the benefit of the provisions of said Master Deed hereinabove referred to, as amended, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 183A, and managed and regulated by the Trustee's of Andover's Colonial Drive Condominium Trust under Declaration of Trust dated as of June 16, 1987 and recorded with said Deeds at Book 2522, Page 137. The Post Office address of the property is Unit A2-7, Andover's Colonial Drive Condominium, A2 Colonial Drive, Andover, MA 01810.

Said Unit contains 830 square feet as shown on floor plans recorded simultaneously with the Master Deed and also on the copy of the portion of said plans attached to the original Unit Deed, to which is affixed the verified statement of a registered architect in the form required by Section 9 of said Chapter 183A.

The Unit is conveyed together with the benefit of easements and rights as described in the original Unit Deed and in the Master Deed.

The Unit is subject to easements, restriction and rights as set forth and described in the original Unit Deed and the Master Deed.

Being the same premises conveyed to me by deed of Susan Klein, Trustee of JEDS Realty Trust, recorded herewith."

In the event of any typographical errors in the publication of this notice, the description in the mortgage shall control.

Terms of Sale: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described. Five Thousand ($5,000.00) dollars of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser, and the balance of the purchase price shall by paid by, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale and shall be deposited with J. Patrick Kinhan, Esq., of Topsfield, Massachusetts.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

CREDIT-BASED ASSET SERVICING
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Present Holder of said Mortgage
By Assignment of Mortgage
By its Attorney-In-Fact:
J. PATRICK KINHAN, ESQ.
15 Main Street
Topsfield, MA 01983
(978)887-4055
Dated March 23, 2001

March 29, April 5 & 12, 2001

The Andover Board of Health, at its regularly scheduled meeting of March 12, 2001, acting in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 111, Section 31, voted unanimously to pass and enact a Regulation entitled "Rules and Regulations for Body Art Establishments and Practitioners". The regulation is summarized as follows:

Section

1. Purpose
2. Authority
3. Definitions
4. Exemptions
5. Restrictions
6. Operation of Body Art Establishments
7. Standards of Practice
8. Exposure Incident Report
9. Injury Report
10. Complaints
11. Application for Body Art Establishment Permit
12. Application for Body Art Practitioner Permit
13. Grounds for Denial of Permit, Revocation of Permit or Refusal to Renew Permit
14. Grounds for Suspension of Permit
15. Procedure for Hearings
16. Severability
17. Fine for Violation
18. Non-criminal Disposition
19. Effective Date

Copies of the full text of the proposed Regulations are available at the Offices of the Board of Health, Department of Community Development and Planning, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet Street, Andover, MA.

Dr. Douglas M. Dunbar
Chairman
Andover Board of Health

March 29, 2001

In accordance with Chapter III, Section 31 of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Andover Board of Health, at its regularly scheduled meeting of March 12, 2001 adopted the following changes, effective April 15, 2001 to the Health Division Fee Schedule:

Disposal Work $100
Cholesterol Clinic Test Fee $10
Body Art, Piercing, Tattooing Establishment Permit .. $150
Body Art, Piercing, Tattooing Practitioner License ... $100

Dr. Douglas M. Dunbar
Chairman
Andover Board of Health

March 29, 2001

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises : 20 Keystone Way
Andover, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Lih Ming Chen and Suchu Lai Chen to BayBanks Mortgage Corp. dated August 6, 1993 and recorded with Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 3800, Page 284, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on the 11th day of April, 2001, A.D. at 1:00 P.M. at or upon the mortgage premises, 20 Keystone Way, Andover, Massachusetts, as described below, being all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

To wit:

The land in Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts being known as Lot #9, on a plan of land entitled, "Definitive Plan of Hearthstone Village, Subdivision Plan of Land in Andover, Mass, of Keystone Way. " Scale 1" = 40', Date: March 14, 1987. Sheets 4 & 5 of 15. Said plan being recorded with the Essex North Registry of Deeds as Plan Number 11021. Reference is made to said plan for a more particular description of said Lot #9.

Said Lot #9 contains 47,779 square feet of land, more or less, according to said plan.

Grantor does hereby retain a fee in the streets, ways and all drainage, water and utility easements as shown on said plan. Said Lot is conveyed together with the right to pass, repass and otherwise use the streets and ways as shown on said Plan for all purposes for which streets and ways are commonly used in the Town of Andover, together with all others lawfully entitled thereto.

Said lot is conveyed subject to and with the benefit of a Declaration of Restrictive Covenants dated June 30, 1988 and recorded with said Registry at Book 2760, page 268.

Said lot being conveyed subject to and with the benefit of any and all easements, restrictions, conditions and encumbrances of record insofar as the same are still in force and applicable.

This conveyance does not constitute a sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Grantor corporation.

Being the same premises conveyed to us by deed from Doherty & Sons, Inc. dated July 1, 1991 and recorded at the Essex North District Registry of Deeds at Book 3278, Page 321.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all outstanding municipal or other public taxes, tax titles, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and existing encumbrances of record, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS and NO/100 ($5,000.00) must be paid by certified, bank, treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser as a deposit. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash, or by certified check, bank cashier's check or bank treasurer's check within 30 days thereafter at the Law Offices of Shapiro & Kreisman, Chiswick Park, 490 Boston Post Road, Sudbury, MA 01776 (978) 443-8800. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Bank One, N.A. f/k/a The First National
Bank of Chicago as Trustee,
PRESENT HOLDER OF SAID MORTGAGE

March 15, 22 & 29, 2001

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, April 5, 2001 at 7:00 P.M.on the petition of Jeanne Asoian, 107 Chestnut Street, Andover, MA for a variance from the requirements of the Andover Zoning By-Law, Article VIII, Section V.A and/or for a special permit under Article VIII, Section VII.A.1 to allow the construction of additions and alterations to an existing non-conforming residence some of which additions and alterations will not meet dimensional requirements.

Premises affected are located at 107 Chestnut Street, Andover, MA in a Single Residence A District; and are shown on Assessor's Map 22 as Lot 131.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF APPEALS
March 22 & 29, 2001

TOWN OF ANDOVER
PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Tuesday, April 10, 2001 at 8:00 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, pursuant to MGL, Chapter 41A, Section 5., on a private article submitted by Robert Parker, Leo Bibeau and others, to amend the Andover Zoning By-Law by rezoning certain land situated on the north side of River Road between Riverside Drive and Bulfinch Drive from Single Residence SRC to Industrial IA, said land being portions of properties indentified as Lot 6, Lot 7, a private way, and Lot 8 on Assessor's Map 126. The complete article may be examined in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:30 a.m., and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

THE ANDOVER
PLANNING BOARD
Michael H. Miller, Esq.,
Chairman
March 22 & 29, 2001

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, April 5, 2001 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of Trustees of Phillips Academy, 180 Main Street, Andover, MA for a variance from the requirements of the Andover Zoning By-Law, Article VIII, Section V.B.4b to allow the construction of a new science center building that will not meet dimensional requirements.

Premises affected are located at 2 Great Quad Road, Andover, MA in a Single Residence B District; and are shown on Assessor's Map 41 as Lots 1.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF APPEALS
March 22 & 29, 2001

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, April 5, 2001 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of 500 Minuteman Ltd. Partnership, c/o The Brickstone Companies, 200 Brickstone Sq., Andover, MA for a modification of Decision No. 2984 which allows construction of a sign that does not meet the By-Law requirements.

Premises affected are located at 500 Minuteman Road, Andover, MA in an Industrial D District; and are shown on Assessor's Map 165 as Lots 4.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
CHAIRMAN
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March 22 & 29, 2001

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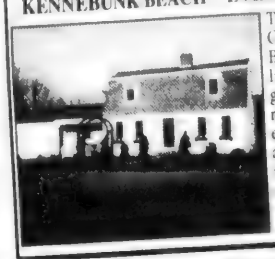

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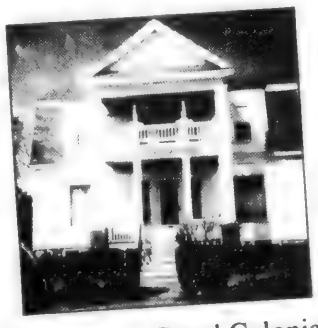

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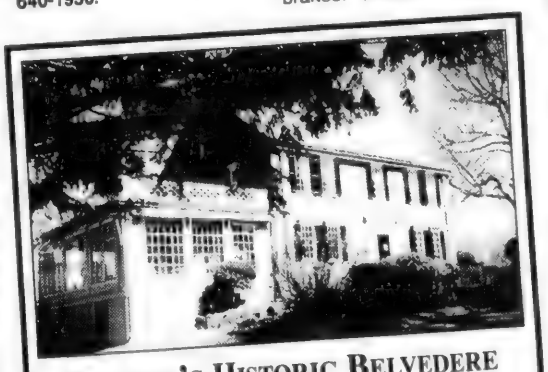

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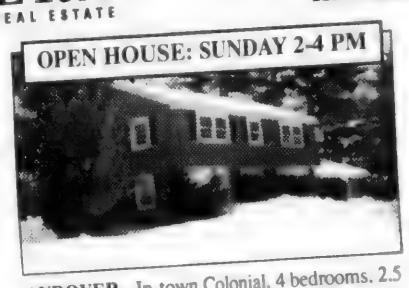

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NORTH ANDOVER - Spacious Townhouse in desirable Alcott Village. Over 2000 sq. ft. of living. Cathedral ceiling, skylights, sliders to deck. Very private. Rte 114 to Rte 125 Bypass to Alcott Village. **$279,900**

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NORTH ANDOVER - Immaculate spacious 1 bedroom garden style at Meadowview Condominium, has new bath, new carpeting, new wall unit a/c and new balcony. Move in condition. (Off Rte 125 behind McDonald's to 11 Walker Rd. #5). **$89,900**

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It is estimated that more than half of all people over age 18 have at least the early stage of gum disease. After age 35, about three out of four adults are affected. Avoid the need for scaling and root planing, and protect yourself and your family - practice conscientious home care, have regular checkups, and eat a healthy diet. We'll help too at **296 Lowell Street, Rt 133,** because we care almost as much as you do about the health of your teeth and gums. Call **475-2431** for an appointment.

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POLICE LOG

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back a few minutes later to say that she had found the car. It appeared to have rolled out of her driveway.

Monday, March 26 – At 4:54 p.m., a George Street resident reported that his license plate had been lost or stolen.

At 5:12 p.m., a Greenwood Road resident also reported a lost or stolen license plate.

At 5:14 p.m., a Lowell Street resident reported that his radio had been stolen from his vehicle.

At 5:24 p.m., a Bellevue Road caller reported that a motor vehicle driving by the street had almost hit two children.

Tuesday, March 27 – At 10:25 a.m., a caller from New England Business reported a lost or stolen license plate.

ACCIDENTS

Thursday, March 22 – At 5 a.m., the state police reported a roll-over accident on Interstate 495 in the high-speed lane. No one was injured in the accident.

Friday, March 23 – At 5:34 a.m., a car struck a pole on Andover Street. Two people were taken to the hospital and the car was towed away.

Sunday, March 25 – At 12:34 a.m., a car flipped on Rutgers Road, but no one was hurt. The vehicle was towed away.

Tuesday, March 27 – At 8:01 a.m., two cars collided in an accident on River Road. An ambulance responded to the scene to treat the injured parties, and both vehicles were towed away. Police asked public works to sand the area where it was slippery.

At 8:29 p.m., a car hit a pole on Jenkins Road. An ambulance responded to the scene to treat an infant who was in the car. The vehicle was towed away.

VANDALISM

Four cases of vandalism were reported this week.

Flood advice

Servpro Industries Inc., a disaster-restoration company, suggests people who have suffered water damage as a result of heavy rains to:

- Locate and turn off the water source if possible.
- Remove as much excess water as possible from flooded surfaces by mopping or blotting with towels or rags.
- Remove wet cushions and other densely soaked items and position separately in a dry area. Turn on an electric fan in this area to hasten the drying process.
- Place balls of aluminum foil or blocks of wood between furniture legs and wet carpet.
- Remove any colored rugs from wet flooring to prevent stains from dyes.
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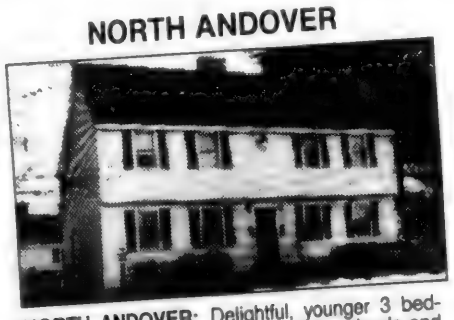

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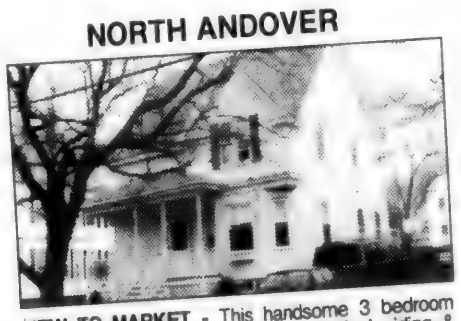

NEW TO MARKET - This handsome 3 bedroom Colonial offers a nice fenced yard, vinyl siding & replacement windows! An inviting, covered front porch leading to a pretty foyer set the tone for this warm & inviting home. New hardwood floors grace the living room & family room. Bright 23' kitchen sports oak cabinetry & separate dining area. $274,900
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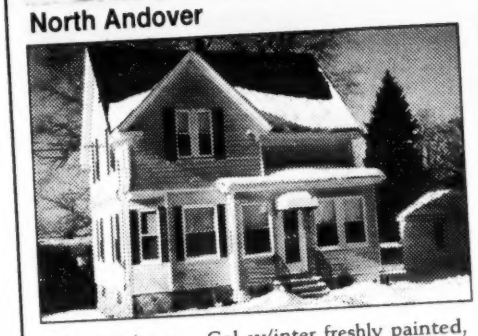

North Andover ~ Col w/inter freshly painted, hardwood floors, heated rear porch. $299,900
Dir: Off Prescott to Upland
Visit Karen Hamill khamill@dewolfe.com

North Andover ~ In town Col w/fresh paint & carpet, liv rm, din rm w/hrdwd flrs, 3 bdrms, 2 baths. $269,900
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North Andover ~ Library Area, 6 rm, 3 bdrm Bungalow w/high ceiling, din rm w/built-in, hdwd flrs in most rms. $289,900
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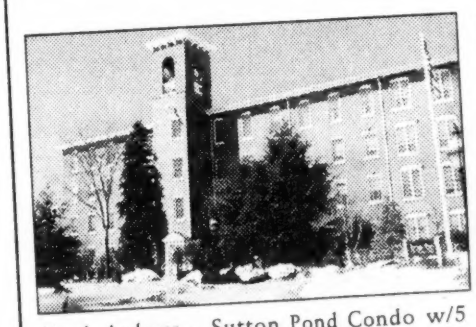

North Andover ~ Sutton Pond Condo w/5 rms, 2 bdrms, 1.5 baths. $149,900
Dir: Main St. to Sutton Pond
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North Andover ~ Condo 4 rms, 2 bdrms w/newer kit flr, dishwasher and balcony $122,900
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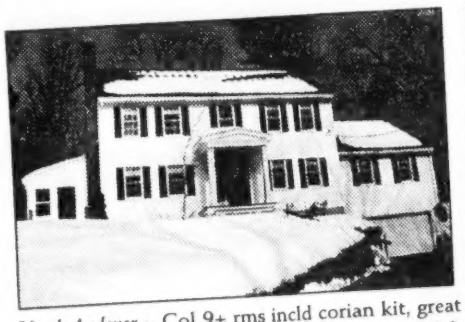

North Andover ~ Col 9+ rms incld corian kit, great rm, frpl din rm, htd sunrm and study or 4th bdrm. Mstr suite w/mrbl bath. $465,000
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North Andover ~ 8 room, 3 bedroom Colonial with 2.5 baths located in North Andover's library area. $334,900
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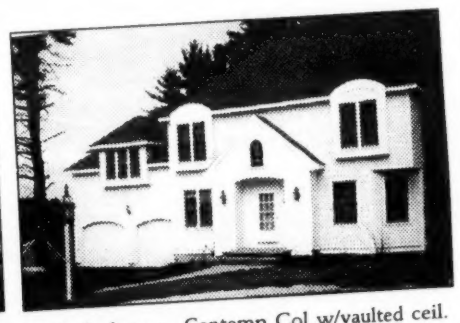

North Andover ~ Contemp Col w/vaulted ceil. in entry. Frpl liv rm, frnch drs fam rm. Game rm w/skylight, 8 rms, 3-4 bdrms, 2.5 baths, 2 car garage. $539,900
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North Andover ~ 3 bedroom Condex on a quiet str.close to schools/commuting.$159,900
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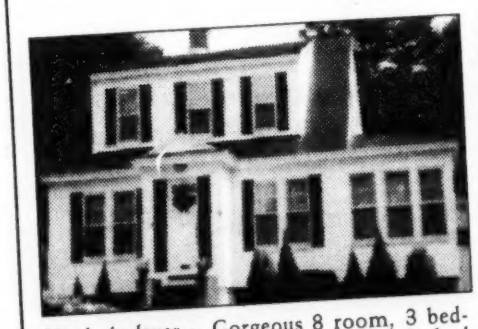

North Andover ~ Gorgeous 8 room, 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath Cape w/garage. Frpl, hrdwd flrs, many updates. $289,900
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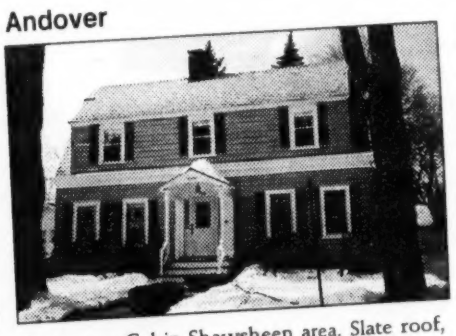

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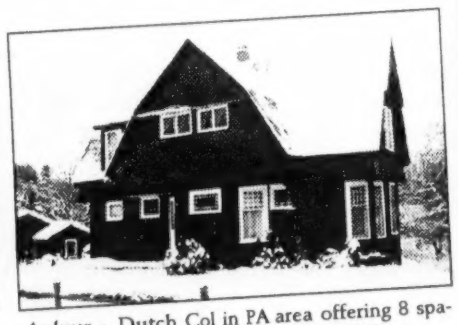

Andover ~ Dutch Col in PA area offering 8 spacious rms, 4 bdrms, 2.5 baths. $499,900
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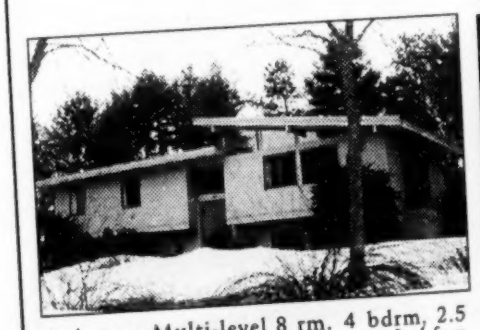

Andover ~ Multi-level 8 rm, 4 bdrm, 2.5 baths w/lots of wndws, high ceil., frpl fam rm. $389,900
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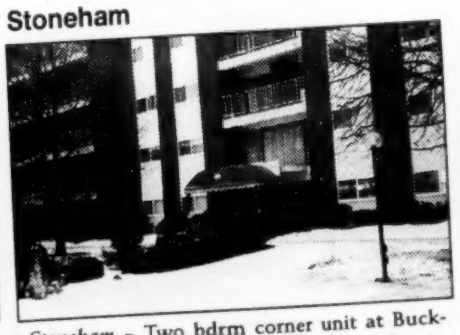

Stoneham ~ Two bdrm corner unit at Buckingham Terrace. New wndws, slider to screened balcony. Lndry, strge, pool & clubhouse. $169,900
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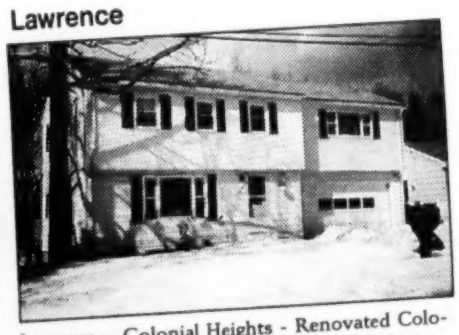

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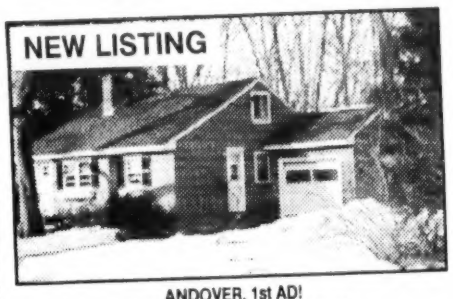

ANDOVER, 1st AD!
Walk to town ~ Abuts AVIS land
6/3+1.5 ~ HW ~ sunroom off mstr
Large eat-in kit w/wood stove ~ HW
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Another new listing by Beth Poulo x221
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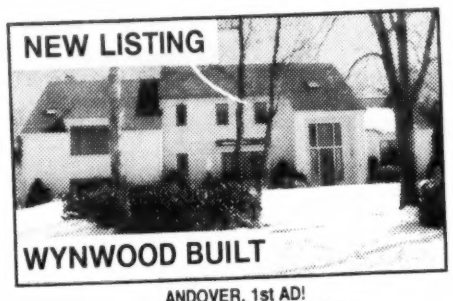

ANDOVER, 1st AD!
WYNWOOD AT SOUTH SCHOOL!
Dramatic entry foyer w/curved stairway
gourmet kit ~ pickled cabs/dble oven
Stone FP fam rm ~ priv mst w/jacuzzi
9/4/2.5 ~ office ~ sunroom ~ $859,000
Another new listing by Deborah Lucci Perrone x126
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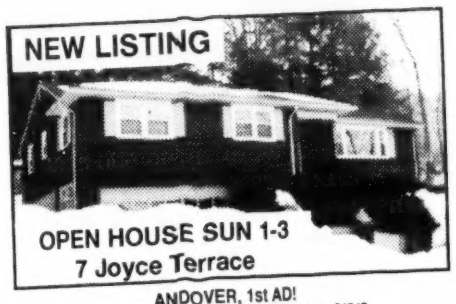

ANDOVER, 1st AD!
Walk to town ~ beautiful Ranch ~ 8/3/2
Quality updated throughout ~ HW
New windows ~ generous rooms
sunroom overlooks conservation land
FP fam rm ~ built-ins ~ $459,900
Another new listing by Cheri Apelian x234
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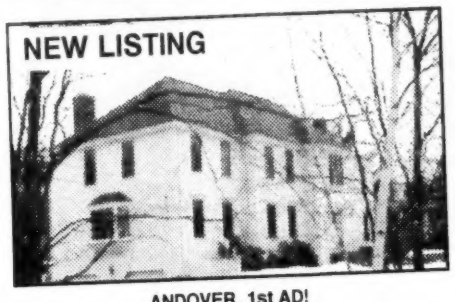

ANDOVER, 1st AD!
QUAILCREST ESTATES!
3400+ sq. ft. liv. sp ~ nice lev lot
Large open foyer ~ 11 x 14 library
Eat-in kitchen w/sliders to deck
Lg mstr w/jacuzzi ~ 4 BR ~ 2.5 BA
Another new listing by The Moody team x251
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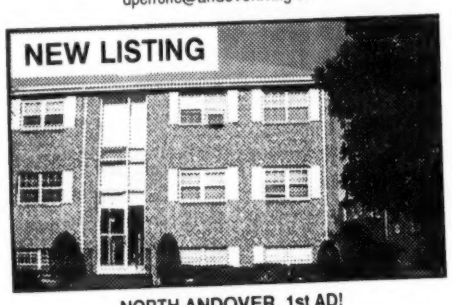
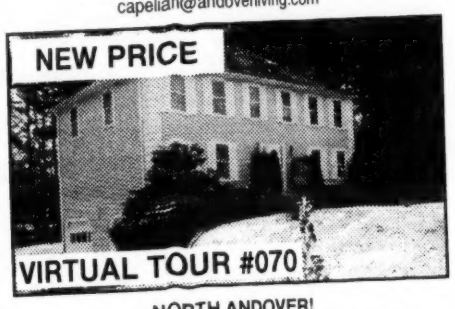
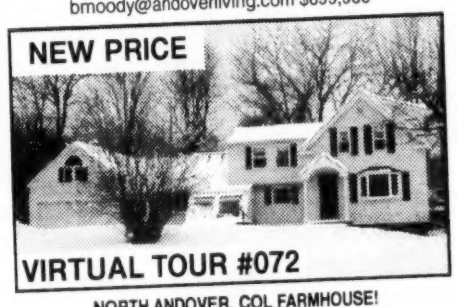
NORTH ANDOVER, 1st AD!
Exceptional Gambrel Colonial
Set on nicely maintained lev acre lot
Oak cab kit opens to FP fam rm
8 rms ~ 4 BR ~ 2.5 BA ~ 2 car attach
1900+ liv sp plus htd basement
Another new listing by Connie Kelley x249
ckelley@andoverliving.com $419,900



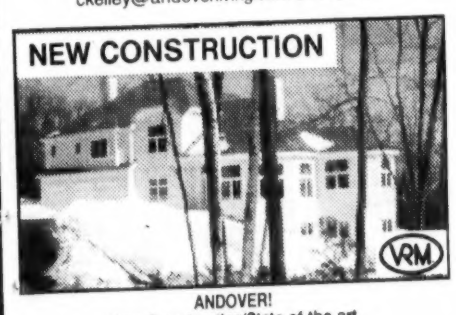
NORTH ANDOVER, 1st AD!
Heritage Green 2 BR Condo
2nd lev ~ balcony ~ nice view
Pergo wood floors ~ freshly painted
lg liv rm ~ updated kitchen & bath
Storage ~ pool ~ tennis ~ clubhouse
Another new listing by Beth Poulo x 221
bpoulo@andoverliving.com



NORTH ANDOVER!
Completely remodeled hip roof Colonial
set back on acre lot ~ woodsy cul-de-sac
8 rms ~ 4 BR ~ 2.5 BA ~ near riding trails
additional fin rm & bath in lower level
light & bright ~ lots of HW ~ $474,900
Another listing by Deborah Lucci Perrone x126
dperrone@andoverliving.com



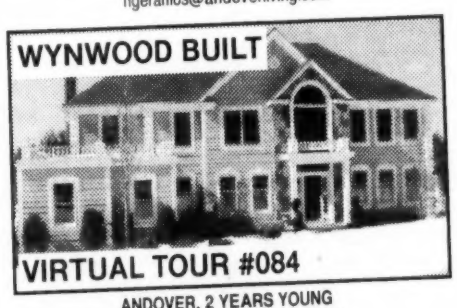
NORTH ANDOVER, COL FARMHOUSE!
WALK TO SARGENT SCHOOL
move-in condition ~ new appliances
7 rooms ~ 3 BR ~ 2 full baths ~ HW
walkout basement ~ huge 2 car garage
estate-like grounds ~ $384,900
Another listing by Nick Geranios x121
ngeranios@andoverliving.com



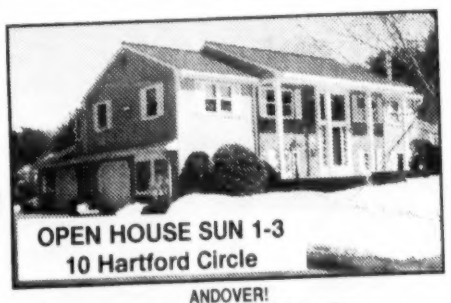
ANDOVER!
New Construction/State of the art
Haggetts Pond ~ private setting
12 RM ~ 5+ BR ~ 4.5 BA ~ 3 car attached
energy efficient systems ~ 4+ acres
2 back to back gas FP ~ cat 5 wiring
Another listing by Amy Sebell x236
VRM 50 Range $789,000-$898,876

NORTH ANDOVER, NEW CONSTRUCTION!
Desirable Heritage Estates
Built by Brookview Country Homes
Colonials & Capes, loaded with amenities
Crown molding, granite, oak flrs, 2FP
3200-3400+ GLA ~ $675,000 - $750,000
Another listing by Sue Papalia x130
spapalia@andoverliving.com

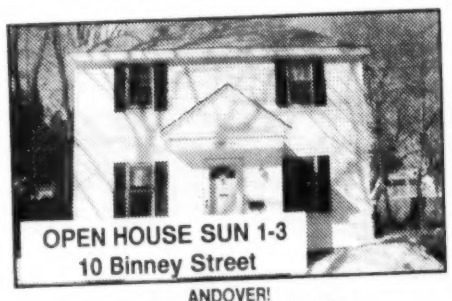
ANDOVER , NEW CONSTRUCTION!
An OMEGA custom built home
just minutes from 93 & 495 on acre lot
4100+ sq. ft. living space ~ extras galore
luxurious mstr w/48' x 72' marble whirlpool
10 rm ~ 4 BR ~ 2.5 BA ~ 3 car attached
Another listing by Chris Doherty x230
cdoherty@andoverliving.com ~ $959,900



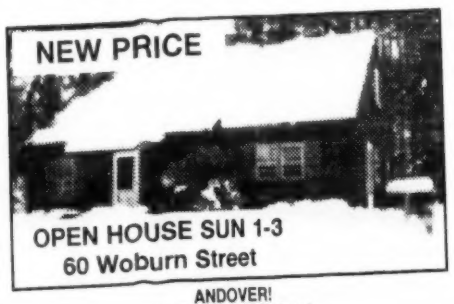
ANDOVER, 2 YEARS YOUNG
A Wynwood Custom Built Home
near Phillips Academy & Pike School
5300+ sq. ft. living space ~ amenities galore
Scandia kitchen ~ bridal staircase ~ 2FP
11 rm ~ 4/5 BR ~ 3 car attached
Another listing by Amy Sebell x236
amy@amysebell.com ~ $1,150,000



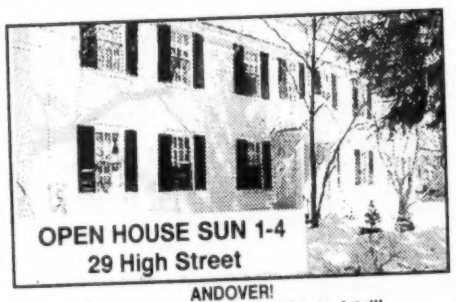
ANDOVER!
Exceptional Home ~ updates galore
great in-town location on cul-de-sac
cook's granite kitchen/custom oak cabs
8/4/3 ~ patio ~ deck ~ gunite pool
new wndws/roof/heat sys & hot wtr
Another listing by Paula Carroll x135
pcarroll@andoverliving.com $519,900



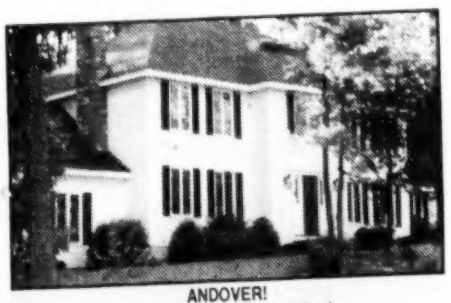
ANDOVER!
Shawsheen Village 7 rm Colonial
Spacious fam rm opens to lg patio
Freshly painted 1st flr ~ 3 bedrooms
newly tiled bath ~ redone pine flrs
1 car detached ~ nice yard ~ sunny thruout
Another listing by Nick Geranios x121
ngeranios@andoverliving.com $269,900



ANDOVER!
Walk to South School
Cape ~ 7 rm ~ 3 BR ~ 2 full BA
eat-in kitchen ~ shiny hardwood
front to back living room w/FP
full basement partially finished
Another listing by Deborah Lucci Perrone x126
dperrone@andoverliving.com ~ $289,900

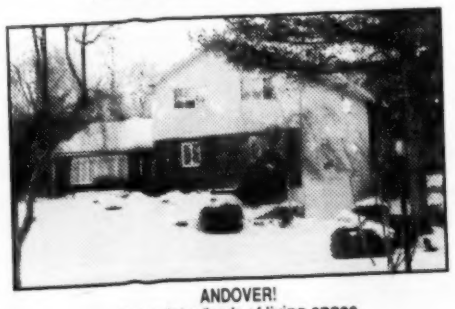


ANDOVER!
Carefully renovated w/attention to detail!
Charming in town Colonial on wooded lot
cherry cabs ~ corian countertops
9 rm ~ 3 fireplaces ~ garage
wood thermopane windows
new light filled family room $549,900
A listing by Sue Bishop x253



ANDOVER!
Location Location Location!
Walk to town ~ Sanborn School
9 rm ~ 4 BR ~ 2.5 BA ~ 1st flr laundry
liv rm adj library ~ FP fam rm w/built-ins
din rm overlooks private wooded yard
Another listing by Amy Sebell x236
amy@amysebell.com $659,900

ANDOVER! WALK TO TOWN!
In-town opportunity
Terrific neighborhood ~ 8 rm Dutch Colonial
3/4 bedrooms ~ detached gar w/new roof
new windows ~ new porch
abuts town conservation land ~ $289,900
Another listing by The Moody Team x251
bmoody@andoverliving.com



ANDOVER!
Colonial w/loads of living space
beautiful acre plus lot ~ landscaped grounds
large tiled foyer ~ 3 fireplaces
9 rm ~ 4 BR ~ 2.5 BA ~ 3700 sq ft
banquet size din rm ~ 2400 sq ft in low lev
A listing by Beth Poulo x221
bpoulo@andoverliving.com $579,900

ANDOVER!
Desirable Andover Gardens Condo
Great commuter loc & close to town
Refurbished & fully applianced
1 BR ~ deeded parking ~ pool ~ deck
Upper level ~ Will not last!
Another listing by Sheryl Doherty x216
sdoherty@andoverliving.com $119,900

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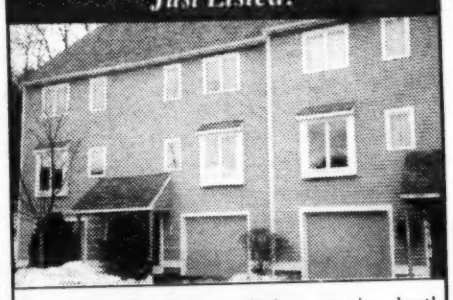

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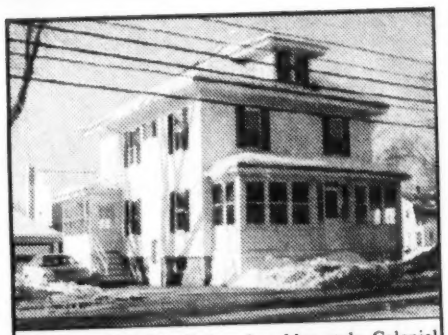

NORTH ANDOVER Lovely older style Colonial home with charming features - built-ins, stained glass, architectural Greek columns, hardwood floors, R-6 zoning and busy location. Ideal home office or with permit, professional office space.
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BRADFORD Crescent Farm area. Super starter home in Bradford's best area. Seven room Cape with 3 bedrooms and two full baths. Gas heat, central air conditioning, new heating system. Great cul-de-sac location!
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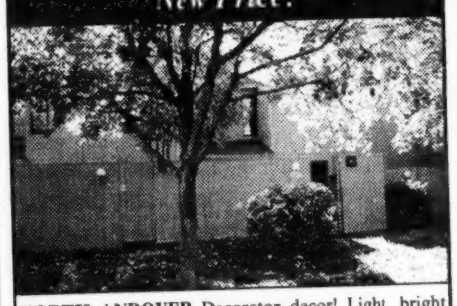

NORTH ANDOVER Decorator decor! Light, bright and beautiful 2-3 bedroom Millpond Townhouse. Gourmet kitchen, dining area has wall of glass overlooking private brick courtyard. Cathedral ceiling master bedroom. Living room with fireplace.
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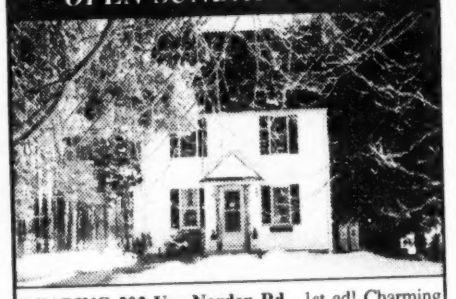

READING-202 Van Norden Rd. 1st ad! Charming older Colonial home on lovely acre lot. Features include wide pine floors and fireplace, 3 bedrooms on 2nd floor plus 22' master bedroom on 3rd floor, new half bath with laundry plus newer full bath.
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NORTH ANDOVER-3 Miles Cir. 1st ad! 4 bedroom Contemporary Split Entry with lots of hardwood, newer white kitchen, fireplaced family room 2.5 baths, central air conditioning. Near town and schools and located in a lovely wooded cul-de-sac neighborhood.
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New Price!

NORTH ANDOVER Young, spacious 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath Colonial on 4 acre lot in neighborhood setting. Cathedral ceiling fireplaced family room, finished lower level with full bath. Freshly painted inside and out! Easy access to shopping and highways!
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Just Listed!

ANDOVER Spacious 4 bedroom Colonial in great neighborhood with easy commuter access. Central air and vacuum, new kitchen, fireplaced living room, 22' family room with French doors to deck, finished walk-out lower level.
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GROVELAND This nine room, 2.5 bath, 3,200 sq. ft. Colonial is currently under construction with a late spring delivery date. Spacious room sizes, gas heat. Generous allowances with quality materials throughout. Acre plus lot.
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New Price!

ANDOVER Warm, inviting traditional New England Colonial. Granite country kitchen, fireplaces in living room and cathedral ceiling family room, master bedroom suite with new bath, den plus office. Beautiful wooded neighborhood near commuter routes.
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New Price!

ANDOVER Indian Ridge! Wonderful open foyer Colonial with all the bells and whistles! Remodeled granite kitchen, Florida room with vaulted ceiling and wet bar, fireplaced family room with wide pine floor, fireplaced master bedroom.
Call 475-2201 **Exclusive $665,000**

OPEN SUNDAY 1-3 P.M.

NORTH ANDOVER-14 Windkist Farm. 3 year old Colonial in desirable cul-de-sac neighborhood. Spacious room sizes, hardwood throughout, 2 fireplaces, family room plus sunroom, air conditioning, master bedroom with whirlpool and walk-in closets.
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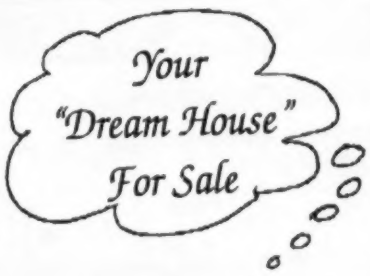

NORTH ANDOVER New construction! 5,100 sq. ft. Colonial on level 2 acre lot in newer neighborhood of luxury homes. Exceptional quality and details. Andersen windows, Corian kitchen, sunroom, 3.5 baths, 3 car garage, cedar exterior.
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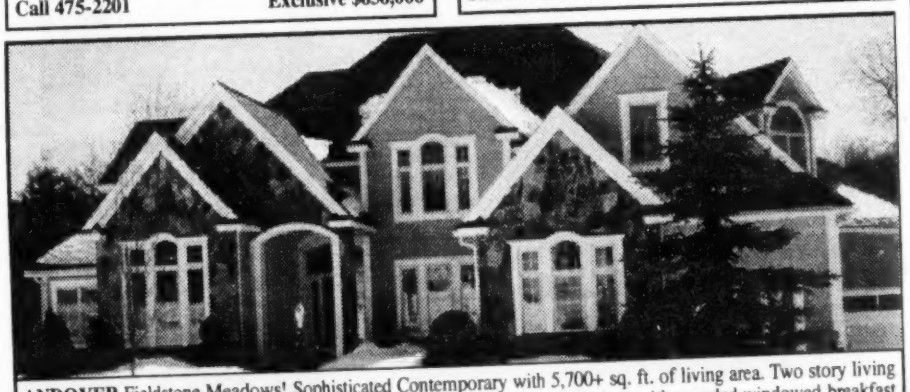

ANDOVER Fieldstone Meadows! Sophisticated Contemporary with 5,700+ sq. ft. of living area. Two story living room features wall of glass, gas fireplace and wet bar. Gourmet granite kitchen with rounded windowed breakfast area. First floor master suite with luxurious bath. Finished lower level exercise room with full bath. 29' deck overlooks exquisitely landscaped and manicured lot with free form gunite pool and spa.
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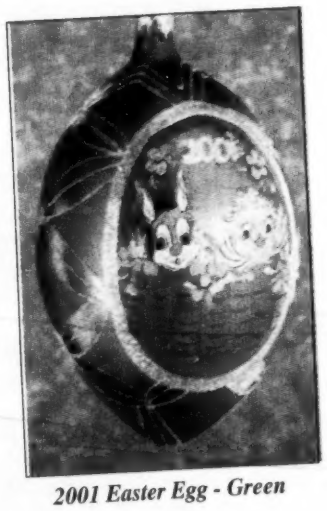

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